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'You need hands...' Huzzah! Cowbridge Town Hall clock functioning again.
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Music Festival's new Fringe has Royal Wedding singer AND COWBRIDGE TALENT

Elin Manahan Thomas

TOE-tapping entertainment is coming to Cowbridge this September, as Cowbridge Music Festival announces the line-up for its first-ever Festival Fringe.

Running alongside the Cowbridge Music Festival, the upcoming Festival Fringe (September 13-16) will boast an array of exciting events celebrating young local musical talent and showcasing community groups.

Starting the Fringe festivities on September 13 will be a jazz supper at The Bear Hotel. The hotel's Cellars Restaurant will be transformed into a jazz club, giving locals a taste of local talent with a live performance from jazz saxophonist Ffion Wyn and a two-course meal.

On Saturday, September 15, the High Street will come to life with Brazilian rhythm, song and dance thanks to the Vale School of Samba, while Cowbridge Library will hold 'Remembering Debussy', a special celebration with readings and performances by flautist Carys Gittins and harpist Manon Browning.

Young musical talent will be on show that morning, when the 'Making Music Changing Lives' orchestra arrives from Ely with their version of El Sistema, proving what talent can do if only given the chance.

Young soloists from south Wales will take to the stage later that day.

Of recent Royal Wedding fame, Welsh soprano Elin Manahan Thomas will also be joining the Festival Fringe ahead of her performance as part of the main programme.

The classical singing star from Gorseinon will join local singing group 'With Music in Mind' to perform a programme of songs from the musicals and traditional Welsh favourites at the Duke of Wellington on Sunday, September 17.

The final day of the programme also includes a Sunday brunch at Oscars of Cowbridge, where visitors can savour a special menu and enjoy performances from local jazz musicians Dave Jones, Ashley Long John and Iolo Whelan.

Festival director Mary Elliott Rose said: "We're thrilled to announce Cowbridge Music Festival Fringe and celebrate the talent of local young musicians and showcase the tremendous work of local music groups.

"As we get ready to celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2019, we want Cowbridge Music Festival to be a celebration of not only international musical excellence, but also our community's own rich musical heritage."

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Town to welcome the RAF

PLANS are now in place for Cowbridge's tribute to the RAF – and residents and visitors are asked to be aware that there will be road closures this Sunday, July 29, between 9.30am and 1.30pm.

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Terry Williams, told The GEM: "In this year of the 100th anniversary of the RAF and the 80th anniversary of RAF St Athan, the latter are exercising their right to march through Cowbridge to commemorate being granted the freedom of the town.

"The parade is expected to involve over 250 personnel led by the RAF Band. An armed division of troops will parade together with serving members of the Royal Air Force, RAF Veterans and Air Training Corps cadets through the town

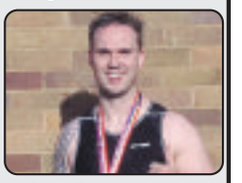
"Wreaths will be laid at the Cenotaph followed by a general salute. An inspection will be taken outside the Town Hall with a special service at Holy Cross Church. After the service, the parade will reform and march back to the Town Hall

"This will be the largest parade through Cowbridge for some time. A spectacle not to be missed. Please come and show your support."

He added: "Any RAF veterans wishing to take part in the parade need to be at the Town Hall no later than 10am on the day. If travelling by car, because of road closure, you will need to be in the town and parked by 9.15 am."

The parade is scheduled to begin at 10.30am. The main road through Cowbridge will be closed from the junction of Eagle Lane to the junction with Druid's Green. In addition, the road leading to the Cemetery at the Limes will be closed, as will the road from the Duke of Wellington to South Gate.

Colwinston man appears in court over death of A48 cyclist



Jack Berry, who died in October 2017.

A Colwinston man, Craig David Gough (37) appeared in Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, July 24, charged with causing the death of Jack Berry by dangerous driving on October 20, 2017.

Mr Gough was bailed to appear before Cardiff Crown Court on August 21 for a plea and direction hearing.

Mr Berry, who had served in the British Army, was working as a chef in The Bush Inn, St Hilary. He was cycling with friends on the A48 near Pentre Meurig when he met his death.

Readers' Letters

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Reader sees red over nudists

I READ your report in The GEM about the nudists at Wick and Monknash beaches.

When in our teens, my girl friends and I spent many happy hours there. Later, when married, I started to visit with my children.

Then nudists started to arrive.

The beach had plenty of room to sit but this man sat as near as possible, starting to undress, smirking at us the whole time.

When I arrived home, I called the police who rang me to say that he had left when the police arrived there.

It can't be right for young girls on their own to see naked men; it must frighten them.

The 'Barry Crouch' letter made me so angry.

Mrs Crook,
Llantwit Major

Noisy cars a nuisance

HAS anyone else noticed an increasing abundance of very noisy (exhaust) and speeding cars in and around Barry during the last month or two?

One has to wonder how or why our overstretched police have not heard or seen them, and prosecuted the drivers.

Several of these noisy idiots have no front number plate on the car either, two in particular – a black MINI and a blue Mazda sports car – which is a legal requirement under the RV (DoRM) Regs 2001.

These noisy cars can be heard and seen regularly on the roads around Barry, morning, noon and night.

Mike Piper, Barry.

A different cherry orchard...

INDEPENDENT bookshop Griffin Books is hosting an afternoon of tapas and holiday fiction with Cowbridge-based author Jo Thomas on Tuesday, August 7 at Bar 44, Windsor Road, Penarth.

Jo Thomas.

Jo will be talking about her latest book which invites you to a special cherry orchard in Spain, where sunshine, romance and family secrets are the order of the day. Perfect for fans of Jill Mansell and Carole Matthews, *Sunset Over the Cherry Orchard* is a heartwarming, hilarious tale that is "like the best kind of holiday".

Tickets for this event are £22, which includes a glass of cava, a delicious tapas lunch and a signed book. The talk will begin at 11am and last around an hour, followed by the lunch. Advance booking essential.

For details of other forthcoming author events visit griffinbooks.co.uk. **CL**

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'Essential services are more important than new road'

LAST week, Alun Cairns MP attended a meeting in Pendoylan War Memorial Hall regarding the Vale Council's proposal for a new road through our village.

I know that there has been plenty of correspondence on this subject in the media regarding the process of the consultation, but Mr Cairns stated something fundamental at this meeting which I feel has not been considered or recognised.

He said that we were "lucky" to live in a village which has the wealth of expertise to form an effective action group in response to council proposals.

I agree – we are very lucky and we all recognise the hard work going on by many residents in the locality, but what would happen if we weren't one of those "lucky" communities?

What if we didn't have planners, lawyers, barristers, property developers and conservationists, to name but a few?

Would the council (or other councils) just ride roughshod over the community with as little community engagement as possible, as they attempted to do here?

As a resident in this village, I have during the last 12 months been involved in several community engagement events to establish how the community feel their way of life in the village could be improved.

This included door to door surveys, doorstep conversations and drop in sessions. There were several main themes running through the responses: Potholes and the condition of our roads; litter; rural isolation, including lack of facilities for elderly and young; and public transport.

As a taxpayer, I feel sure that failing social services to the young and old, rising class sizes and slashed school budgets, having to pay more and more council tax yet still having to pay for essential services are more important to most people than a three-mile stretch of road to an airport and enterprise zone.

Remember other failed projects our money has been spent on – Bosch, LG, film studios and the airport?

Governments need to listen to their taxpayers and realise that our priorities are very different to theirs. They are there to represent us, not to tell us what to do, and this has been proved up and down Wales with failed projects and broken promises to improve communities.

Success comes from listening first and acting after, not the other way round.

H R Hanmer,
Pendoylan.

Parking charges an 'arrow aimed at our freedom'

WHAT is happening to our once beautiful Vale of Glamorgan – our open, green spaces, our quaint historic villages and our thriving little towns?

Many Vale lovers have detailed in The GEM what has been happening – some unthinking forces have been at work, destroying our heritage.

This has to stop before all that is worthwhile, commendable and valuable in our communities is no more.

The proposed new parking charges are yet another arrow aimed directly at our freedom. With this mind, I fully endorse the comments made by Barrie V Evans, co-ordinator Barry 1st Group and Mrs DE Davies, Cardiff, in last week's GEM.

Hearts and minds of those who love our heritage must fight valiantly and with purpose to stem the destruction of our liberties.

Mrs BM Glover,
Llantwit Major

'Let's all drink to the death of our town'

YOUR correspondent V Pollard is correct to be living in a town as "delightful as Cowbridge".

I wonder how long this will continue. Politicians, planners and developers seem to be doing their best to spoil all this, certainly in the immediate area around Cowbridge and in the wider Vale from the A48 towards Barry.

Those who seek to defend the scarring of the countryside, such as councillors representing areas not affected, are shown to be little more than tactless and insensitive.

Any academic study would, arguably, suggest that Cowbridge has reached its optimum, both as a market town, and as an influential hub for the rest of the Vale.

It remains to be seen how much real thought has been given to infrastructure.

Often in cases where large scale development takes place, the excuse is sometimes given that "the money has run out".

One of our local authors might care to give some thought to a publication which might prove to be prophetic – *Cowbridge - Death of A Market Town*.

DW Gerrard,
Cowbridge

How about some jazz?

NOW that we are enjoying open air music festivals lately in the Vale, is there any chance of a jazz/swing festival for next year?

Pam Hill, Barry.

Waste changes: 'Vermin will thrive'

I KNEW it was coming, but hoped it would not. Only collecting two black bags per household is going to cause problems between neighbours.

More rubbish will be dumped in alleyways, country lanes, next to street bins and on the route to Atlantic Trading Estate, no doubt.

Inconsiderate neighbours will be burning rubbish more regularly, (which apparently is illegal but there aren't enough resources to enforce that law).

The vermin will thrive and disease will spread.

The residents who are dependent on drugs and alcohol, or those with large families will not follow the rules. The cost of the extra clean up that is to come will be phenomenal.

I feel sorry for the cleansing staff that have to go out and clean up after the selfish people.

Name and address supplied.

Praise for our Good Samaritans

LAST Wednesday, an elderly gentleman collapsed in the middle of the High Street stopping all traffic.

First on the scene was Marcus David, a builder, and a passer-by also rushed to help.

An ambulance was called and together we managed to get the casualty to the side of the road and made him comfortable.

A young man named Wyn Shepherd made the gentleman's distressed wife comfortable. Mugs of tea were provided by the Town Hall staff.

Unfortunately, the ambulance took nearly two hours to attend. We hope the casualty is making good progress.

Local people helped, they did not pass by on the other side. They all deserve a mention and a huge thank you.

Terry Williams,
Cowbridge.

'Losing Welsh heritage' with school closure

WE had to fight to save our ancient church; we had to fight to save our ancient inn, the Fox and Hounds; now we are fighting to save our beloved school.

Llancarfan has been a place of learning since St Cadoc opened his illustrious monastery. People have lived here since 535 AD – we are losing our Welsh heritage.

One day all that will be left are roads, airports and black bags.

Mrs Blair Evans,
Llancarfan.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 2)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
26 Thur	06.32	8.8	18.54	9.0
27 Fri	07.12	9.1	19.29	9.1
28 Sat	07.48	9.2	20.04	9.3
29 Sun	08.23	9.3	20.39	9.4
30 Mon	08.54	9.3	21.12	9.4
31 Tues	09.27	9.3	21.44	9.3
01 Wed	09.58	9.2	22.19	9.1
02 Thur	10.33	9.0	22.53	8.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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THE COWBRIDGE U3A GO WALKING IN WORCESTER

THE walking group at Cowbridge U3A had a three-night adventure characterised by midday temperatures of around 29°C, hardly cooling off by evening.

The hotel was the city centre Worcester Whitehouse, to be remembered for its genial staff, good value meals and extremely hot bedrooms.

The walks commenced on the Friday where the 14 walkers met for lunch at the Swan Inn, Birlingham, in the Avon valley. A light lunch was ideal, as this opening walk was taken at the peak of the day's temperatures.

It crossed several complex waterways by means of lock gates and bridges in this flood-prone region.

Flooding was the least of our worries; on the contrary, large draughts of water were gulped frequently to avoid dehydration.

Worcester City centre was abuzz ready for Friday night's fun. We took simple pleasures in wine, laughter, and perhaps a stroll on the Severn promenade near the cathedral.

Saturday's first walk started in Claines, just outside the city's northern boundary. At around five miles, it covered quiet undulating lanes before joining the rush-lined, wild-flower-covered, butterfly and dragonfly-frequented Droitwich Canal towpaths. Lunch was at an award-winning traditional pub, The Mug House, which is part of Claines churchyard.

The afternoon continued to be roasting. Some completed the 4·5 mile Spetchley area walk over fields and parkland, whilst others spent time at Spetchley Park gardens, and even met the aristocratic owner; some sought out cool places such as the Worcester Cathedral crypt.

On Sunday morning, we followed the Severn northwards towards Bewdley for the day's first walk. The route was over fascinating terrain, comprising sandy soil, dense bush and tree cover, weird geology with sandstone outcrops and evidence of ancient cave dwelling.

After lunch, the 14 set off to pursue different activities. Some did a walk around Shrawley and others made individual arrangements, visiting attractions such as the steam railway, a 1940s festival complete with Battle of Britain fly past, or the Bewdley riverside areas.

The third night in Worcester was before the literal high point of the away break. Monday morning meant a drive to Upper Wyche in the Malverns. The walk commenced with a steep downhill scramble through mature trees, with a glimpse of a lily-strewn lake.

All knew that this was a ruse, as the track then went sharply up. The walkers made their way up the dry grassy paths to one of England's greatest viewpoints – the Worcestershire Beacon, at nearly 1,400ft.

The wind blew, and the hats flew, as all gathered around the summit obelisk for the fantastic 360° views.

Ledbury was the setting for the last walk, on the riverside with woodlands and historic railway interest included.

It was a great U3A weekend.

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At the summit of the Worcestershire Beacon in the Malvern Hills.

A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR MARIE CURIE IN THE PHYSIC GARDEN

On the evening of Friday, July 20, the Cowbridge fundraising group for Marie Curie held a summer garden party in Cowbridge Physic Garden.

A brief shower thankfully stopped before guests arrived and some 70 supporters, friends and guests enjoyed champagne, wine and canapés in the idyllic setting of the physic garden.

Many local businesses generously donated raffle prizes and a super evening was enjoyed by all, in aid of a very worthwhile cause.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Llangan School leavers

I WAS invited to join the parents at the end of year assembly, which took place on July 20.

The following children received awards for their outstanding performance:

Musician of the year – Etienne Langlais; Mary Noyes good citizen – Meredith Stevens; Liz Madge Eco award – Magnus Tarr; Sports personality – Khan Mordecai and Jack Simpkins; John Homfray pupil of the year – Cameron White; Rotary club young citizen of the year – Isla Turner.

To all children leaving Llangan school, my very best wishes to you all.

St Canna's church fun dog show

COME along to the dog show on August 11, when the fun will start at 2pm with judging at 2.30pm.

The classes are: Cutest pup, best child handler, prettiest bitch, most handsome dog, waggiest tail, brightest eyes, 'best paw shaker', best six legs, dog the judge would most like to take home, top geriatric 8+, agility test (most points and fastest time wins).

Tea and coffee are available.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

News from Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council

AS many readers will have noticed, the Town Hall clock has new, shiny hands and is working again.

Behind the clock faces are new mechanisms and electronic control units, so it should now keep accurate time and strike reliably for many more years to come.

As anyone who has been along the Llantwit Major Road recently will have seen, work on phase one of the Taylor Wimpey Darren Farm site has begun.

This was one of the subjects discussed at the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council meeting on July 17. Councillors expressed their surprise and disappointment that the developers have chosen to put the site entrance on a bend with limited visibility in both directions.

There was also concern voiced about construction traffic passing along Cowbridge High Street. Councillors proposed to write to the Vale Council and Taylor Wimpey, asking for the site entrance to be moved, improved safety measures to be implemented and controls put in place to stop construction traffic passing through the centre of Cowbridge.

Phase one of the Darren Farm development lies within the boundary of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council but, as things stand, phase two will be within the Penllyn Community Council area.

Cowbridge Town Hall

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council believe that since people regard the development as being part of Cowbridge and the residents of the new houses will use the facilities in Cowbridge, the boundary should be changed so as to bring phase two within Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

This request was submitted to the Vale Council last year, but the Electoral Registration Officer considers the request to be premature and is recommending to the council that the matter be reviewed in 2023.

Councillors consider that the matter needs to be addressed well before then and that representations must be made to the Vale Council.

The council discussed the consultation on the Draft Parking Strategy report launched by the Vale Council. In summary, the proposal for Cowbridge is to introduce charging after a free period in three car parks (Town Hall, The Butts and South Gate) and on the High Street, Eastgate and Westgate.

Councillors expressed a number of concerns about the proposals but felt that before making a response to the Vale Council, the views of residents, businesses and visitors should be sought.

Public consultation is due to begin at the beginning of August and all interested parties are urged to read the report and make their views known.

One of the undoubted strengths of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is the number of active voluntary, community groups and organisations. These groups are reminded that The Strong Communities Grant Fund offers grants to community groups towards the cost of initiatives within the Vale.

Round three funding is now open for applications until August 3. Round four will be open until November 2.

More information can be found on the Vale Council website or call in to the Town Hall.

The next meeting of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council will be on Tuesday, September 18 at 7pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber. The meeting, as always, will be open to members of the public.

Old Hall Bridge Club

THE latest results from Old Hall Bridge Club for July 11:

First, John Raymond and Allan Lewis; second, Stan Harding and Brenda Grove.

July 18: First, Ann Miller and Teri Pollard; second, Stan Harding and Brenda Grove.

Visitors always welcome.

Cowbridge Cubs have a busy time!

COWBRIDGE Cubs have had amazing year so far, and the last few weeks have been really busy.

They attended Cub camp at Silver Cross in Swansea and went on the muddiest assault course in Wales. Leaders did not know which Cub was which, because of all the mud!

The Cubs took part in crate stacking, paint ball slingshot (which was at targets not other Cubs) and a map and compass game.

In the evening, there was a traditional campfire with marshmallows and song, when all the Cubs dressed up and had great fun with little short plays.

The Cubs would like to say a big thank you to Topstak for driving them down to Swansea with all their camping equipment.

The Cubs are planning a PGL holiday to Brecon in September for more adventures.

The week after the camp, the Cubs visited the lighthouse at Marcross, where Chris the lighthouse keeper showed them all how it works.

The last evening of Cubs was a barbecue at Llantwit Major beach which was a great success, with all the families joining in.

The group would like to thank all the people who have made the activities possible this year because, without their support, this would not be possible.

Christine Mallett, Cub Leader.

Out with the old, in with the new at Cowbridge Rotary Club

President elect Peter Davies.

Incoming president Michael Long (left) and outgoing president David Harris.

COWBRIDGE Rotary has been celebrating another successful year of fundraising and community activities, as outgoing president David Harris handed over the reins of the club to incoming president for 2018/19 Michael Long, at a dinner held in the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Looking back at a busy 12 months, that has included social events, charity collections, community support and charitable work, Mr Harris said he and his wife Dawn had enjoyed an immense year.

"It has been a bit of a whirlwind and the year has flown by," said Mr Harris. "I've had tremendous support from the people of Cowbridge, as well as from my fellow Rotary members, and it is an experience I will never forget.

"I have every confidence that Michael will maintain the momentum and success that we've had this year, further building on the excellent work of my own predecessors in the role.

"Cowbridge Rotary makes an important contribution to our community and all that is left for me to do now is to wish Michael and his executive team, the very best of luck for the future."

Responding to Mr Harris's best wishes for the upcoming year, Mr Long added: "David and Dawn have contributed so much to Rotary and to Cowbridge over the past year, and it has been a real honour to take on the role as his president elect.

"Among other things, David's vision for the 'Rotary Spring Gardens' event in May, which raised over £2,000 for the charity, Tenovus, 'Closer to Home' appeal. That Cowbridge Rotary was able to make such a major contribution was both rewarding and symbolic of the value our members bring to community activities.

"David has certainly set us high standards to follow and I am very much looking forward to the challenge.

"I am confident, too, that with the continued support and contribution of my dedicated colleagues in Cowbridge Rotary, we can continue with this fine work in successfully supporting Cowbridge and its communities," continued Mr Long.

"Like David, and our presidents before him, who have shaped the club over its 60-year history and made it what it is today, my ambition is to support our local people and community, raising funds for worthy causes, helping improve the lives of people worldwide through Rotary International initiatives and promoting the reputation of Cowbridge Rotary as a valued and respected organisation.

"My ambition is also that we all have some fun along the way, not only promoting fellowship and encouraging friendships, but enjoying the many events and initiatives that we organise, support or take part in."

Among the initiatives and events that Cowbridge Rotary will be involved in over the coming year, Michael highlights the Food & Wine Festival, working with young people at the schools in the Cowbridge and Vale of Glamorgan area, the Cowbridge Music Festival, Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival, car boot sales, Fight Polio campaign, Rotary spring gardens, Easter concert and the Santa Sleigh.

"There are plenty of initiatives and events over the coming year to keep us busy and I am looking forward to keeping people in and around Cowbridge updated on developments, as well as highlight forthcoming events.

"We're always happy to welcome new members, too, people who live and/or work in our communities, and who would enjoy the opportunity to be an important part of its fabric.

"I, no doubt, have my work cut out for me and it is going to be a busy year, but I am thoroughly looking forward to it. I am lucky to have a tremendous support team in my president elect Peter Davies and an excellent executive team.

"It is going to be a great year, and I hope the people of Cowbridge will continue to give us the fantastic support we have enjoyed for our events and charity initiatives in the past."

Further information about Cowbridge Rotary is available from the Reception at the Bear Hotel or visit our website: www.cowbridgerotary.club or call our club secretary Michael Macphail on 01446 774704.

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Cowbridge Male Voice Choir's concert hits musical high notes

ON a very warm Saturday evening, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir held their annual concert in Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

Despite the heat and humidity, an almost full house turned up to see the choir and guests Kate Wolveridge, Heledd Wyn Newton and Matthew Daly.

The choir started with 'Cwm Rhondda', 'He Ain't heavy, he's my Brother', 'Let it be me' and then a rousing rendition of 'Yr Anthem Geltaidd'.

They were followed by the first of the section winners of the Music of the Vale 2017 competition, harpist Heledd Wyn Newton, who at just 13 made a big impression.

She played 'Improvisations for Harp' by William Mathias, 'La Source' by Hasselmans and ended with Baroque Flamenco by DH Conant. The flamenco finale, using the harp as a string and percussion instrument, was received with rapturous applause from both choir and audience.

Heledd was followed on stage by Kate Woolveridge, one of Wales's leading mezzo sopranos. Kate opened her set with the very apt 'It's a grand night for singing'.

She followed this by 'Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta voi'x' and ended with 'Habanera' by Bizet during which she "almost" embarressed some members of the choir when she interacted with them during this number.

The choir then ended the first half by singing 'Calon Lan', 'Something', 'You are so Beautiful/Wind beneath my Wings' and ending with an unaccompanied version of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' arranged by Jim Clancy (this version is not often heard and was very well received by the audience).

Following the interval, the choir's chairman Leon Fear, presented a certificate of appreciation to Richard Lougher in recognition of his long service of over 25 years with the choir.

The second half began with the choir singing 'Morte Christe, O Gymru' and ending with 'The Creation' during which the staff of the leisure centre assisted by adjusting the lighting in the leisure centre to match the word of the song!

Next on stage was Matthew Daly, the second of the Music in the Vale winners. Matthew, a tenor, sang 'Dall Sua Pace' by Mozart, 'Music of the Night' from *Phantom of the Opera* and ended with Handel's 'Every Valley Shall be Exalted'. His performance again was received with rapturous applause.

The choir's musical director and accompanist, Rhiannon Williams and Sandra Williams, then performed two piano duets 'Rondo alla Turca' by Mozart and 'Pizzicato Polka' by Strauss.

Following her first half performance, the return of Kate Woolveridge to the stage was eagerly awaited. She did not disappoint.

She sang 'There's a Place for Us' in memory of Leonard Bernstein who would have been 100 this year. This was followed by a wonderful interpretation of Flanders and Swan's 'The Warthog'. She ended her performance when the choir joined her in singing 'Y Nefoedd'.

The choir then sang their last set by starting with 'Bui Doi' from *Miss Saigon* featuring Rhiannon Williams, Leon Fear and John Williams. This was the first time the choir had sung this in Cowbridge. This was followed by 'The Impossible Dream' and finally 'I Believe'.

Following a standing ovation, the choir were persuaded by the audience to sing an encore. They sang a 'Beatles Medley' and the concert ended with choir and audience singing the Welsh National Anthem.

A conclusion from the concert is that we have a wonderful array of young talent locally and that Music in the Vale, by organising their annual competition for young singers and musicians, are contributing to continuing our musical heritage.

The performance of Kate Woolveridge was sensational and won the hearts and minds of all present.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir are sponsored by The Place for Homes, Llandow.

The concert was attended by Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who said: "The standard of the evening and their voices was exceptional, along with the performance of their guest artists.

"It's a privilege to be invited to their concert each year and it is great to see the young performers continue to work so hard together since winning in the 2017 Music in the Vale Competition." **FM**

Kate Woolveridge's vocal talent and assured stagecraft captivated the audience.

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Cowbridge to enter the Great British High Street Awards

THE Chamber of Trade is collaborating with local businesses, other groups and volunteers to enter this opportunity to showcase the exemplary ways in which Cowbridge is a 'champion high street'.

A group of representatives called 'My Cowbridge' has come together as they are truly proud of the way Cowbridge is succeeding in overcoming the challenges of a rapidly changing environment.

They believe that this is because of the way that local businesses and residents are always working together to make the town a better place to live, shop and work.

The application will allow the town to evidence how it is always embracing change without ever losing its individuality and its traditional and historic role in the county.

This year in particular, the town has become a trailblazer in its dedication to thrive in 21st century Britain both for today and the future, by becoming Britain's first truly digital high street, proving its enthusiasm to be 'streets ahead' of other towns.

My Cowbridge sees the application for the award as a way of celebrating the high street as the life and soul of this traditional market town, deep in the heart of the Vale and wants to recognise its role in supporting hundreds of jobs and offering the county a much loved social space.

A spokesperson for My Cowbridge said: "The application for the awards will recognise and celebrate local achievements on the high street and the supporting community and will highlight how Cowbridge has encouraged its community to shop locally and support their high street businesses. We have so many great examples of the town coming together to draw from in this application."

Get involved and show your support for Cowbridge by following their GBHS journey on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram – so be sure to like their social media accounts 'My Cowbridge' (@CowbridgeMy) and use #MyCowbridge and #MyHighStreet on all your social media posts that showcase why you love Cowbridge high street.

There is one more way that they ask you to help. The application gives the town the chance to recognise an outstanding individual or business who has gone above and beyond to make Cowbridge High Street the best.

They ask for nominations to be made by the end of July, send them to Cowbridge@outlook.com to share your stories. All nominations will be shared on the My Cowbridge social media accounts.

A spend-and-win competition in Cowbridge will reward the people that make our high street so special.

Visa is offering the participating businesses in Cowbridge and their customers the chance to win one of four weekly prizes of a £100 pre-paid card in the GBHS spend-and-win competition, which will run until November 4. For further information on the competition and full terms and conditions, visit www.visa.co.uk/GreatBritishHighstreet.

Participating businesses will be featured on the My Cowbridge social media accounts so keep an eye out for updates on where you can be in with a chance to win £100.

My Cowbridge is asking everyone to get behind this bid to be a Champion High Street and prove that the high street is as important today as it has ever been.

A winner will be selected following the application closing date on August 22 for the Best High Street in Wales as well as an overall Best High Street in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Mary added: "The Fringe allows us to offer free events and to bring the performances out of the traditional venues and into a more informal setting, where more people are able to experience what the festival has to offer."

For more information, visit cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk/events/categories/fringe.

Ffion Wyn.

A green flag for Old Hall Gardens

THE Old Hall Gardens Group collected a Green Flag Award on July 18 at the Wales and South West England award ceremony in Barry Memorial Hall.

They were one of 112 community gardening groups in Wales receiving the accolade this year, and this is the third year running Old Hall Gardens have achieved this award.

The gardens, lying behind the Old Hall Community Centre in Cowbridge High Street and adjoining the Physic Garden, have been maintained by the Cowbridge Charter Trust since 2004, starting with the clearing of ivy from the medieval town walls which surround the gardens on the west and south.

The Gardens Group meets every Thursday morning around 10am and is always looking for more volunteers. Come along at 11am on a Thursday morning to join the group for coffee and biscuits outside the library.

Read about the group and its activities at oldhallgardens.org.

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Boys Brigade on farm visit!

THE youngest members of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade, the Anchors, had a wonderful day out at the Amelia Trust Farm recently!

They enjoyed playing in the park before sharing a picnic! Then it was off to explore. We found goats, alpacas, a turkey, chickens, pigs, guinea pigs, rabbits, dragonflies, and much more – including stinging nettles near the woodland!

The afternoon ended with a much-appreciated ice-cream, before we travelled back home. A fabulous day-out for all!

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Latinist Major, contact Debbie on 01446 796208.

Debbie Chapman
Officer, 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

Terrific entertainment from Tarantara choir

ON a recent warm evening, Tarantara, a 50-strong choir from the Midlands, entertained a packed village hall with a selection of music including a medley from *West Side Story*, classical pieces, Ave Maria, music from the movies, a Beach Boys medley, African music and Welsh songs.

The programme included soloists, quartets and a mixed group. The musical director, Jonathan Hill, is in charge of many choirs and orchestras and arranged some of the music for the performance. The accompanist, Chris Long, is a professional musician, composer and teacher.

This is the second visit from Tarantara and they were given a warm welcome by Rev Alan Kettle who is a personal friend of Tarantara's chairman Barry Jukes.

All the money raised from the evening will be for the benefit of the Parish of Colwinston, Llandow and Llysworney.

The audience gave them a standing ovation and only after three encores were they allowed to leave the stage. We hope to welcome them back in the near future.

KJ

Sian's quiz at the Blacksmith's

ON July 11, Sian's quiz took place at The Blacksmiths Public House, Llanmaes, where a quiz is held every Wednesday to raise funds for local organisations.

Two cheques were presented for £300 each: one to The Children's Air Ambulance and The Welsh Air Ambulance.

Both these charities work extremely hard and the quizzers hope to raise more money each week for other charities.

If you like quizzing and are free on a Wednesday evening, come along as a team or on your own to join one of the other teams and help them raise more money.

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'Give people language choice on council forms' says Vale councillor

THE Welsh Government is "pandering to language fanatics" and wasting money by insisting forms are sent out in both English and Welsh, a councillor has said.

Vale councillor Kevin Mahoney has said communications such as forms being sent out in Welsh out of 'political correctness' are just ending up in the bin by people who do not use the language.

He has also accused the Welsh Government of creating a 'bubble' around the Welsh language and 'discriminating' against the 85 per cent of the population who do not speak it.

The Welsh Government says it makes no apology for promoting the Welsh language while a Plaid Cymru councillor has said Welsh speakers deserve equality of service.

Cllr Mahoney called on the Vale Council to contact every home in the region to ask them if they want their communications in only English, in only Welsh, or both.

He said: "They are ensuring all these Welsh language forms that are not required are immediately put in the bin. Why would you want to do that on a point of political correctness?

"Surely it would be better to spend that money elsewhere. I would rather it being spent learning the Welsh language than being chucked in the bin. They would rather see that money wasted all the time."

At a recent meeting of the Vale Council, Cllr Mahoney asked how many calls in Welsh were made to the Contact One Vale Call Centre over the last 12 months and how much literature in Welsh has been returned to the council.

He was told there were 240,021 calls to the contact centre in the 12 months leading to July 2018 and just 1,956 of those were in the Welsh language – a total of 0.81 per cent.

The council is required by law to treat English and Welsh on an equal basis when dealing with the public and council literature is required to be bilingual, Cllr Bob Penrose told the meeting.

Information on the amount of Welsh literature being returned was not held centrally, he said.

Cllr Mahoney told the meeting: "Wouldn't it be better if the Vale contacted every household to ask them if they want their stuff in only English, in only Welsh, or both, rather than pander to the language fanatics who would see all that stuff dumped in the bin when I would like to see it spent perhaps on subsidising Welsh language lessons which currently cost £149 for a 10-week course.

"Wouldn't that be a better use of any money that's spent in this way, other than seeing it dumped in the bin for political correctness?"

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who learned Welsh at Barry Boys School, said: "I thought that we were past the point where local politicians tried to make Welsh speakers feel second-rate just for receiving services in their language of choice. Welsh speakers pay their taxes and deserve equal quality of service.

"I regularly use the Welsh language services at the Vale council who are very good at dealing with inquiries. Most paperwork from the council, such as the council tax bill, is automatically bilingual in both Welsh and English, which undermines the complaint being made.

"The continued growth of Welsh language education in Barry in recent decades, and the success of those schools, shows that parents value the opportunities of their children being able to speak both of Wales' national languages."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "Eighty-six per cent of people in Wales [it was not ststed which body carried out the survery] believe the Welsh language is something to be proud of.

"We agree with them and make no apologies for promoting its use or complying with the law around the Welsh language."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

New figures show details on council fines and tax penalties

MORE than 400 people have been given spot fines for littering in the Vale, the Vale Council has said.

A total of 499 fixed penalty notices were issued by 3GS between April 2017 and March this year, said the council.

That is fewer than 1.5 spot fines per day.

Some 411 were for littering – including offences such as dropping cigarettes (93), spitting and dumping of general waste (193) or small-scale fly-tipping (122).

Other offences included three fines for dog fouling and one for public urination, a Vale Council meeting was told on July 18.

Since they were awarded the current enforcement contract, 3GS has issued 799 spot fines for littering offences and six for dog fouling. A total of 10 of these cases progressed to court.

A total of 37.4 per cent of the litter fines were paid while 62.5 per cent of the dog fouling offences have been paid to date.

Cllr Kevin Mahoney asked whether more people who have been fined should be put before the courts.

Cllr Hunter Jarvie replied: "It's a question whether people can be traced, found and brought to court."

SPARE ROOM SUBSIDY

More than 400 people in the Vale of Glamorgan are being hit by the so-called under occupancy charge (Spare Room Subsidy) figures show.

The charge refers to deductions in housing benefit paid to claimants who have unused bedrooms in their homes.

Tenants have deducted 14 per cent from their housing benefit if they have one surplus bedroom in their home, and 25 per cent if they have two or more.

In April 2018, some 336 council tenants with one surplus bedroom had deductions made while 104 had two or more surplus bedrooms, figures from the Vale Council have revealed.

That is down from April 2013, when 511 council tenants had one surplus bedroom and 93 had two or more surplus bedrooms.

Cllr Ian Johnson, in a full council meeting on July 18, asked whether the bedroom tax, which he called an "unfair tax on social housing" was working.

Cllr Andrew Parker, cabinet member for housing and building services, said: "We have a responsibility with only 3,000 council houses and 3,000 people on a waiting list to ensure properties are used beneficially and wisely.

"Should there prove to be properties that are not fully utilised we go out of our way to assist the people to move.

"It's the right policy because we have not got enough accommodation, particularly for larger families."

COUNCIL TAX DEBT

The leader of Vale of Glamorgan Council has said he is in favour of keeping the threat of imprisonment for people who don't pay council tax.

A total of 16 people in the Vale have been imprisoned for not paying council tax in the last five years, it has been revealed.

The council has also revealed 19,839 court summonses were issued between 2013-14 and 2017-18 to people for non-payment of council tax.

The Leader of the council, Cllr John Thomas, told a council meeting on July 18 that no-one in the Vale has been sent to prison for non-payment of council tax since January 2017.

It comes as the Welsh Government has launched a consultation on removing the threat of imprisonment for non-payment of council tax.

Cllr Johnson, who submitted a question about the issue, said imprisoning people for non-payment of council tax was "frankly Victorian" and asked how the council will respond to the consultation.

Cllr Thomas responded: "I wouldn't agree that it's Victorian. I have no problem with this council taking action against people who refuse to pay their council tax. I'm quite happy for those people to face the consequences of their actions.

"We do however make every effort to help people who are in a position where they can't pay their council tax. I will ensure we will always carry on doing that.

"I would be in favour of keeping the status quo as it is. That's having the stick that we need to wave when we need it."

He added the council's response would have to be consulted on by members before a conclusion is made.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Musical celebration at Llancarfan Primary School

DURING the last week of term, children at Llancarfan Primary School were given the opportunity to share their musical talents with friends and parents at the Music Celebration Assembly.

There is an impressive array of musical talent at Llancarfan and everyone was treated to the sounds of the clarinet, flute, violin, guitar, piano and singing.

It takes a huge amount of courage to stand alone in front of a packed and discerning audience, but all of the children were fantastic and the school is very proud of them.

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Council makes it to second place in Green Flag rankings

TEN areas in the Vale have been awarded Green Flags.

That is three better than last year's haul and positions the Vale Council as the second best-performing local authority in Wales.

Of the 22 Welsh councils, only Cardiff's 12 green flags beats the Vale's total, with the likes of city authorities Swansea and Newport left trailing behind.

The three new Green Flag Award winners are Gladstone Park, Porthkerry Country Park and Cosmeston Country Park.

They were added to a list that also includes Romilly, Alexandra, Belle Vue, Central and Victoria parks as well as Barry Island Seafront and the Knap Gardens.

Elsewhere in the Vale, The Kymin in Penarth and Barry's Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, which are maintained by their respective town councils, also received awards.

Barry Community Garden, Birchgrove Woodlands, Little Hill Brock Street, Nightingale Garden, Wenvoe Wild Orchard, Cowbridge Physic Garden, Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve, Elizabethan Orchard, Old Hall Gardens, Upper Orchard Field Wenvoe, Wenvoe Community Orchard and Welsh Orchard Wenvoe all gained Green Flag 'Community Awards'.

The awards are managed by Keep Wales Tidy. Details on all winners can an be found at www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag.

PACT in the Vale

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown and meet a police officer? You can have a cup of tea while you do, and it is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

CASTLELAND Take tea and talk to an officer between 12 noon and 2pm at Atlantic Café, Wimbourne Road, Barry, on Tuesday, August 7.

LLANDOW/EWENNY Coffee and Chat will be held at St Marys Golf Club at 11am on Tuesday, July 31.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk for contact details for your local PCSO and you can contact them directly for non emergency matters.

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GVS work with The GEM

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) was pleased to host a briefing session on July 19 with Andy Johnstone, one of the editorial team at The GEM.

Representatives from local small voluntary groups benefitted from asking questions, gaining important tips and advice which would all help to contribute in gaining press coverage for their organisations.

A delegate said: "The aspect I found most useful was learning how The GEM deals with press releases and the best ways to submit them."

The next briefing session, priced at £5 and aimed at small community groups, is on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 9.30am to 11am.

A full list of GVS courses and briefing sessions can be found at www.gvs.wales/support-for-groups/gvs-training.

If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services on 01446 741706, or enquiries@gvs.wales, or look online at www.gvs.wales.

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Llancarfan parents' anger as cabinet member 'dead bats' 17 questions

SECURITY guards were called as parents and campaigners walked out of a Vale Council meeting after being left 'appalled' about a lack of answers about a proposed move of a primary school.

People campaigning to save Llancarfan Primary submitted 17 questions to the council at its meeting on July 18 about the authority's plans to transfer the school to a new £4m facility in Rhoose.

But campaigners in the public gallery voiced their frustrations as councillor Bob Penrose, cabinet member for learning and culture, repeatedly said it was "not appropriate" to answer their questions – including on whether the plans meant a 'closure' of Llancarfan Primary – because a consultation has only recently finished.

Security was then called to eject one man for interrupting the meeting – at which point many of the campaigners walked out.

One campaigner called out during the meeting to say the answers were "insulting to our intelligence" and another said: "We thought we lived in a democracy".

Speaking outside the meeting Jim Barratt, parent of a pupil at Llancarfan Primary, said: "We had sat through over an hour and a half of other council business very patiently, very diligently listening to what the council had to say about other matters.

"When it came to our written questions we were appalled to discover the member responsible for replying was giving us a standard response each time to the effect that the consultation has just closed and therefore he was unable to comment.

"It is infuriating because we put in legitimate questions, concerns we've expressed through two consultation processes, and to not have those addressed now that the consultation is closed is frankly a dereliction of their duty as democratic representatives."

Stephen Parry, whose children have also gone through the school, added: "I am disappointed as a reasonable, professional human being that you can't come to a democratic meeting and ask a question especially when the stock answer is: 'It's not appropriate for me to answer that'.

"I feel angry that democracy is not being served."

Llancarfan Primary School has been listed on Welsh Government's School Organisation Code as a 'rural school'.

The code describes a presumption against the closure of rural schools and stipulates the case for closure must be strong and not taken until all viable alternatives have been explored.

Llancarfan Primary is the only school in the Vale the Welsh Government has deemed worthy of greater protection.

The Campaign to Save Llancarfan School group argues the council plans a 'closure' of Llancarfan Primary while the council has described it as a 'migration' or a 'transfer'.

Cllr John Thomas, the Leader of the Vale Council, has said the plans do not constitute a school closure and said the authority will carefully consider comments in the consultation before deciding a way forward.

He said: "It is understandable that the issues surrounding the future of the school generate strong feelings. However the council meeting was constantly disrupted and the chairman had no option other than to ask those in the public gallery to refrain from shouting out.

"The requests, which were frequent, were repeatedly ignored and one gentleman was asked to leave. When he refused a member of staff was called to escort him from the gallery.

"This action is within the council's constitution and was used at the meeting to enable proceedings to continue. It is extremely rare for such action to be taken and, whilst this was unfortunate, the chairman had no option on this occasion.

"The council has undertaken a consultation exercise on a proposal to transfer Llancarfan School, its Governing Body and teaching staff, to a new school building, located in Rhoose.

"The council is proposing a £4m investment that would see Llancarfan Primary School move into a new state-of-the-art building as part of the Council's 21st Century Schools programme."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Local businessman Simon Llewellyn invited Tŷ Hafan's siblings group to create their very own hot dog at Sausage Revolution.

Sausage Revolution hot dog boost for Ty Hafan charity

TŶ HAFAN is lucky enough to be within throwing distance of The Sausage Revolution, the Cuban-inspired gourmet sausage restaurant run by former Dragon's Den hopeful and Hot Diggidy Dog chilli sauce entrepreneur, Simon Llewellyn.

As a treat for Tŷ Hafan's siblings group, Simon invited them to go along and have a go at creating their very own Tŷ Hafan-inspired Sausage Revolution hot dog.

Simon said: "We were delighted to have a quirky and unique way to support our local kids' charity. When you have your own children, it makes you realise more what others are going through and makes you want to help in whatever way you can, however big or small.

"It's just such a pleasure to be able to put a smile on the children's faces."

The children spent the afternoon in the restaurant, sampling different ingredients and coming up with the perfect combinations. The 'sibs' then set about judging their creations in a blind taste test.

The winning effort was by Emily and Isabella with their choice of sausage, ham, grated cheese and baked beans in a brioche bun, and it will be sold in The Sausage Revolution.

Every 'Sibs Dog' sold will mean a donation to Tŷ Hafan.

Sibling support coordinator at Tŷ Hafan, Anna Bowyer, added: "Simon, Jason and the team couldn't have been more accommodating and the winning dog by Emily and Isabella has all the elements of a classic kid's favourite in the making, and maybe for the adults too, so please give it a try.

GR

Speaking up for Llancarfan - A VILLAGE WITH THREE HEARTS

AS one of two vocal people asked to leave last Wednesday's Vale Council Meeting (happily supported in our departure by other parents and campaigners), may I ask for a few column inches to suggest why our disruptive voices, speaking up for Llancarfan, needed to be heard?

The issue, of course, is the threat of closing Llancarfan School. The fact that 'closure' was disguised in Vale 'consultation' by use of the weasel word 'migration', a word found inadequate in the second consultation, and so changed through embarrassment into 'transfer'.

Whatever the spurious label used, and against Llancarfan and Rhoose's wishes, children would be shipped five miles to an unwanted new 'Llancarfan' school in Rhoose, while the Vale would inherit the cash resource of an empty silent rural school building. Closure is closure.

It's embarrassing to speak up, though. We do after all have considerable respect for our councillors. We genuinely continue to try to make available the countless facts which should help them say 'no thanks' to the proposal.

Back when I was Director of Education for the National Museums of Wales, I too had ideals for the best deployment of the museum's learning resources.

But I never had, nor wished for, the opportunity to undermine a vital element of village life, flying in the face of the Vale Council's initiatives to promote and sustain Stronger Communities.

Llancarfan's historic village has three hearts – the church, the pub and, of course, the school.

Each beats with the life of a village that the Vale treasures, and to which visitors, tourists and pilgrims increasingly flock.

The church, now very much a place of pilgrimage, was due to have its roof off in the 1970s. It was saved, and the rescue rewarded by discovery of the finest medieval wall-paintings in Wales.

Llancarfan also clubbed together to buy and save its now-thriving Fox & Hounds.

How then can we not be vocal in urging our council representatives to keep Llancarfan School here in Llancarfan, the third vital element in this naturally strong community?

Our school is unique, the only one in the Vale that the Welsh Government recognises as rural. This must be protected here.

One well understands that many of our councillors share a frustration with the time-restricted Council Chamber ritual pursued last Wednesday.

Here the few batted back proscribed pairs of questions and answers, bled dry of debate. This was surely not why they became councillors? We for our part in the visitors' gallery had been told that responses to our community questions, politely submitted for council discussion following the re-tread of the second consultation, would be forthcoming on Wednesday.

Regrettably though, the councillor responsible had been ill-provided with deliverable answers. These clearly obliged him to repeat many times that 'a full analysis of the responses has not been possible'.

Our community's frustration at what seemed a further inhibition of democratic discussion, not least by those respected councillors, was doubtless why we were so vocal.

We had to urge our representatives to communicate, listen and recognise that, following the most dubious token research – sadly not genuinely prompted by educational concerns but by short-term financial opportunism – our representatives are in danger of draining the lifeblood from a treasured Vale village.

Might I apologise to Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, for making his chairmanship difficult in what must be an early appearance in the hot seat. One has some hopes that he will wish to do something to reform the stultified nature of council procedures to enable proper democratic discussion.

And my thanks to the very pleasant security staff who ejected us.

Ian Fell, Vale Ambassador, former Director of Education, National Museum of Wales, Llancarfan.

Can you pass on a skill to others?

PAVE the Way is a local project that supports people with experience of mental ill health into volunteering across the Vale.

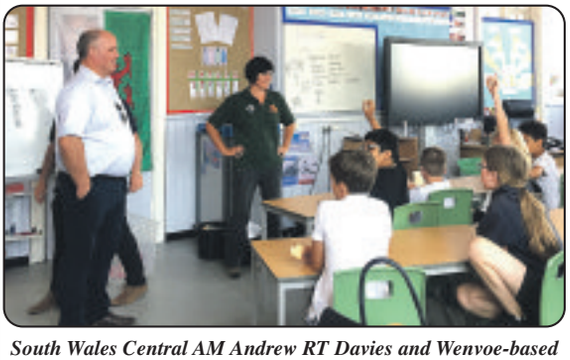
As part of the project, monthly meet ups are held at Golau Caredig, Barry. They provide a safe place for people to meet and get involved in volunteering, as well as an opportunity to meet others and have a cuppa.

Now that a strong core of people come along, it is hoped that some activities or crafts can be offered to the group which they can do together for a few hours.

For example, recently a volunteer attended to teach the group the basics of watercolours.

If you can spare a few hours and think you could help, contact Clare Humphreys, Pave the Way volunteer development officer, on 01446 741706, email: Clare@gvs.wales or visit www.gvs.wales.

Vale farmers take their Cows on Tour



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies and Wenvoe-based dairy farmer Abi Reader give pupils of Roath Park Primary School an insight into farming in the Vale.

FARMERS from across the Vale of Glamorgan have taken to the road to give local schoolchildren an insight into the agricultural industry.

On July 19, NFU Cymru held a 'Cows on Tour' event at Roath Park Primary School in Cardiff when pupils had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities.

Dairy farmer Abi Reader of Goldsland Farm in Wenvoe gave a demonstration of how cows are milked, while there were also opportunities to make burgers and butter.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, who still runs the family farm in St Hilary, attended the event and said it provided children with the perfect opportunity to become more familiar with the source of their food.

Mr Davies said: "Our country would not function without a thriving agricultural industry, since it is vital to produce the food we need.

"But it can often be difficult for children to understand where their food comes from. This initiative from NFU Cymru is a great idea, giving pupils hands-on experience of everything from milking a cow to making burgers.

"It was a pleasure to join Abi and other farmers from across the Vale in taking part and it was excellent to see the pupils so enthusiastic.

"I'd like to thank everyone at NFU Cymru for their work in putting the event together and the staff and pupils at Roath Park Primary School for giving me such a warm welcome."

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Cardiff Airport unveils its ambitious masterplan with new terminal and hotel

CARDIFF Airport set out ambitious plans to develop the business as a key gateway to the UK over the next 20 years at a launch event held last week.

The 'Draft Masterplan' was launched by Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales, Ken Skates, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Roger Lewis, Airport Chairman and Deb Barber, Airport CEO.

The airport says the masterplan sets out the airport's aspirations to be "an outstanding capital city airport connecting Wales to the world and the world to Wales" while delivering an exceptional customer experience.

It aims to grow from its current level of 1.5 million passengers a year to over three million. The airport says facilities must meet the needs of increased passenger numbers and the expectations of the modern traveller.

The masterplan's main points are:

International gateway: To build on the airport's efficient, safe and secure 24/7 operation; deliver greater capacity to grow to three million passengers a year and beyond; attract new airlines and secure new routes; diversify the airport to create and develop opportunities for aviation, cargo, education, technology and innovation.

A unique place: Create a public realm for the community to enjoy; excite customers before they fly and those arriving to Wales; link businesses across the airport campus, supporting the region and enterprise zone; support education with a place to learn and innovate.

New terminal: enhance the airport's unique identity as the gateway to Wales, creating a memorable first and last impression; ensure ease of access for all; enhance its customer experience with best in class facilities, including SMART technology; develop the airport's 'green' credentials to meet environmental and social commitments.

New four-star hotel: Develop the first on site hotel; offer more choice in local accommodation for customers; offer business meeting and conference facilities; provide a convenient base for visitors to explore the region.

New transport hub and car park: Offer greater travel choice for customers, the community and the airport team; offer an improved integrated transport facility; develop a new multi storey car park close to the terminal building; and offer new services to enhance the customer experience.

Carwyn Jones commented: "These improvements are ambitious yet achievable and will enable the airport to continue its development of further aviation links to the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond which will improve its competitiveness and attractiveness as a gateway to international travel and trade.

"We look forward to working with the team at Cardiff Airport to deliver these exciting developments."

Roger Lewis, Chairman, Cardiff Airport, said: "2018 has been a transformational year for Cardiff Airport and for Wales as we've already welcomed over nine per cent more passengers to the airport and more inbound visitors to the country than ever before.

"We have always been ambitious with our plans and this draft masterplan continues to show the confidence we have in our business and in the region."

Deb Barber, CEO, Cardiff Airport, added: "We have ambitious plans for growth which can only be achieved if we enhance our infrastructure and create a five-star airport experience for customers that's efficient, modern and enjoyable."

Cardiff Airport is asking for feedback on the draft masterplan by September 14, 2018. A final masterplan will then be launched in autumn 2018. To submit your views, go to: https://www.cardiff-airport.com/masterplan2040/.

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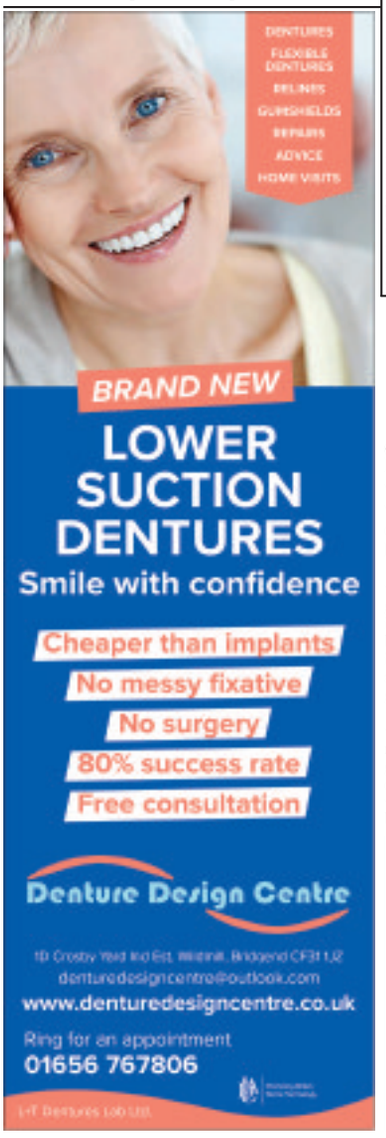
Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be the AGM for members only, followed by a Groups' Fayre at 2pm on Wednesday, August 1 in the St Quentin's Suite of the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge (please note the change of both date and venue). See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.



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Shiekana is looking for a quiet home with experienced owners who are used to the breed. Unfortunately, she is unable to live with cats or small furries.

She can live with children 14 years old and above who are used to dogs. Once Shiekana has settled in her new home, her personality will start to shine through.

For more information on Shiekana, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; call on 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Beautiful Sheikana with Dog's Trust Jess.

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Precious metal for Penarth school

PUPILS at Albert Primary School have proven their 'green credentials' after being awarded a top eco award.

Albert Primary have been awarded a platinum flag after previously gaining three green flags because of involvement environmental education programme, Eco-Schools.

Julie Giles, education officer for Keep Wales Tidy said: "The Platinum Flag is a very impressive achievement and highlights the enthusiasm and commitment that Albert Primary has towards sustainable development." **EL**

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Friends of Barry Beaches

JULY'S beach clean will be held on Sunday, July 29 at The Knap beach, Barry. Volunteers should meet at 3pm near the toilet block, at the terrace car park.

Equipment will be supplied and volunteers of all ages are welcomed, but please ensure children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

With the fabulous weather we are currently experiencing, would volunteers make sure they bring water and sun block.

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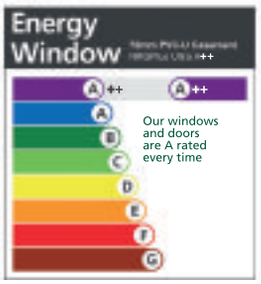

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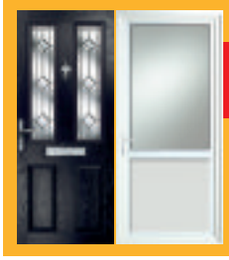

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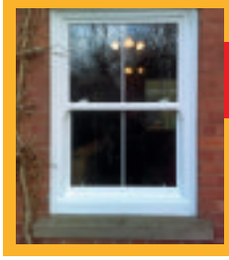

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'TO WALK THE ROAD OF OPPORTUNITY, YOU MUST CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN OF LEARNING'

Year 6 at the top of Pen-y-Fan.

IN a fitting tribute to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's school motto, 'dyro dy law i mi ac fe awn i ben y mynydd' – 'give me your hand and we'll go to the top of the mountain,' the junior school Year 6 pupils and teachers took time out from their studies to climb Pen-y-Fan on July 17.

This last achievement for the Year 6 pupils was the significant milestone of reaching the summit of their primary school journey.

The children now look forward to welcoming fellow pupils from Ysgol Sant Baruc, Ysgol Sant Curig, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant, Ysgol Pen y Garth, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and Ysgol Dewi Sant in joining them on their next big adventure in senior school.

Becca Pugh, a teacher, said: "We have all reached a milestone this year with YGBM's first Year 6 pupils entering our senior school. All the junior school staff would like to wish our children every success in this next exciting chapter. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish as individuals and lead us into the school we are today."

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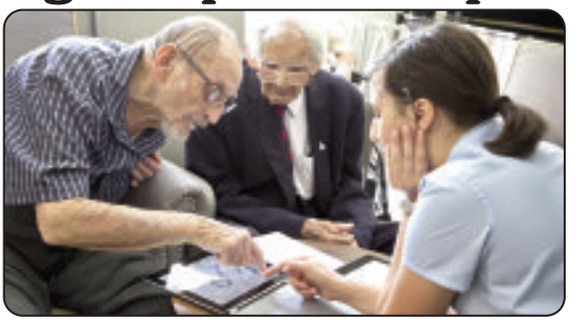
Care home residents get top tablet tips



Residents worked with pupils to get the most from their iPads.

RESIDENTS from a Cardiff care home have become experts in using an iPad after being shown the ropes by pupils from a local Llandaff school.

Students from Howell's School of Cardiff Road, demonstrated their knowledge and expertise in new technology as they showed residents at Tŷ Llandaff, lots of useful features on their iPads.

Staff from the home, which offers private nursing, residential and respite care from the age of 18 in Pontcanna, arranged the visit in response to reports that show that one in five adults in Wales are not online.

Tŷ Llandaff manager Janice Evans also believed that care home residents could greatly benefit from using more features of their tablets.

The two generations worked together happily going through the basics of using an iPad, and then had fun looking at the different apps that might be helpful to the lives of the residents.

Many residents talked to the children about the inventions they have seen through their lives, and how life was different for them when they were at school.

The children had been coached by their school on the best way to teach someone how to use an iPad, improving their patience, communication and teaching skills.

Janice said: "It's always a wonderful day when we have a group of young people to visit. It gives our residents a new lease of life and it's a delight to see people from the two generations form a real bond.

"The children from Howell's School have given our residents a real gift with their coaching and new sense of independence.

"Now our residents will be able to use their iPads to stay in touch with family and friends, browse all their photos of happy memories, watch TV, listen to music and of course use the internet to keep up to date with the latest news and even shop online."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff contact 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com

Wildlife sculpture at Cosmeston Lakes

What looks like a trumpeter swan, commonly an inhabitant of North America, is now in the Vale.

A NEW sculpture has been installed at Cosmeston Lakes, as part of an outdoor learning area which is to be created at the site.

The sculpture was designed, with the help of pupils from Oak Field Primary School in Barry who worked with the sculpture artist Chris Wood, from Wood Art Works.

The sculpture has been carved from oak, standing over 12ft tall and includes otter, pike, roach, eel, mallard, grebes, water vole, squirrel, owl and a swan in flight at the apex of the sculpture.

The pupils worked with Chris to come up with this design after visiting Cosmeston for a walk.

The pupils would like to thank both Chris Wood and Cosmeston Ranger Aaron Jones for allowing them to be part of this project.

Nicola Danielsen

WI MEMBERS MEET 'BLOOD BIKES' MAN

ST NICHOLAS WI met on June 7 when president Janet Hayes welcomed guest speaker Dave Payne from Blood Bikes Wales.

Dave gave a very interesting talk explaining the importance of Blood Bike Wales as a charity which operates throughout Wales, providing a free motorcycle courier service to hospitals in Wales.

Marion Glover won the monthly raffle and Sandra Lewis won our first Denman Bursary.

On Thursday, July 5, Brenda Sullivan gave us an excellent talk and demonstration of Neal's Yard products with hand washing and skin care. The raffle was won by Anne Walklate.

Fifteen ladies met for afternoon tea in Holme House Hotel in Penarth, and had a very enjoyable afternoon with delicious food and lots of laughter.

The next meeting of St Nicholas WI will be on September 6 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston at 7pm, when Mavis Tierney will demonstrate silk printing. New members are always welcome.

Vivienne Hayes

Community cinema in Penarth church

ALL Saints Community Cinema's next screening is *Finding Your Feet* on Wednesday, August 8 (not the usual Thursday) at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm.

Admission is by ticket only at All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth.

For tickets call Jane on 029 2070 8088 or 079668822459.

When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in an impoverished inner-city London council estate with her estranged, older sister Bif.

The two could not be more different – Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet.

COWBRIDGE CHARITY SHOP WINS A NATIONAL AWARD

Each volunteer was presented with a Flame of Hope badge at the event.

THE volunteers and shop team at Cowbridge Cancer Research UK on the High Street are proud to have won a Cancer Research UK national award in this year's Flame of Hope Awards.

The shop won a special commendation in the Shop of the Year category to recognise the success of Cancer Research UK shop volunteers, increasing the shop's financial contribution to the charity in the last year.

The shop team of volunteers were treated to tea at The Bear Hotel on July 18.

Head of Retail, Julie Byard, area manager Helen Evans and shop manager Samantha Griffiths presented the awards.

A spokesperson said: "Without our volunteers, we simply wouldn't be able to raise money to support life-saving research.

"Right now, our volunteers are making it possible for our scientists, clinicians and nurses to find new ways to prevent and treat all cancers."

SG

Tea and Georgia jazz thrill DPVC

ANOTHER successful strawberry tea was held by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern in the Lee Hall and gardens at Dinas Powys with many supporters and volunteers enjoying a glorious afternoon.

The Georgia Jazz band entertained the guests and this led to enthusiastic dancing on the patio of the Lee Hall.

Delicious refreshments were provided by DPVC and members of Dinas Powys WI, and the whole scene was very attractive in the glorious sunshine.

John Fanshaw, chair of the charity, said that he was grateful for the level of support from people to ensure the afternoon was a success. He said: "Many thanks for the hard work of our coordinators who organised the afternoon and to DPVC's trustees and volunteers who helped on the day – to Mike Hartrey who drove many of our elderly residents to the event in our minibus, Jill Davies and the WI team and to members of the Wednesday Afternoon Club who volunteered to help make event such a success.

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Bridgend Council fails to respond after three months

A REGIONAL AM has raised concerns after a local authority took more than three months to respond to a request for information.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) took three months and one day to respond to a request for information from regional Assembly Member Suzy Davies.

The council's own website states that they should respond within 20 working days of receiving the request for information.

While the authority adds that: "If we're unable to do this we will state why, and tell you when to expect a response," Mrs Davies has questioned why the council took the amount time it did.

"I understand and accept that at times local authorities, along with other public bodies, may not be able to respond fully within the 20 working day time frame.

"However, I twice received emails from BCBC telling me that they could not respond in time and twice they told me they would respond within a further 10 days."

The initial request for information was made to the council on April 10.

Mrs Davies received emails from BCBC on May 9 and June 25. On both occasions, the council stated that they would be extending their time frame and that Mrs Davies would receive a response within 10 days.

"On both occasions they failed to meet their own time extension. This was not a request for an extension by the council, they simply told me they were giving themselves extra time."

Mrs Davies, the Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: "I have referred BCBC to the Information Commissioner as it is unclear how deep these failings and inefficiencies go.

"How many other times have the council failed to respond to residents within an appropriate time? We just do not know."

After more than three months, BCBC's response to Mrs Davies' original request for information, which asked about their gender pay gap was: "To date the authority has not calculated this, therefore the authority does not hold the requested information."

In response to Mrs Davies' question of whether the council have done any work with the Equalities Commissioner on this matter, the response after three months and one day was: "No."

A BCBC spokesperson said: "We acknowledge that there was a delay in responding to the request. Responses to FOI requests are undertaken by relevant departments alongside their day to day work commitments, and in this particular case the department is working on an analysis of the gender pay gap.

"They had hoped to be in a position to provide a more meaningful response. This work is still being undertaken."

Female pro-EU group launched

A GROUP of women leaders, representing aspects of Welsh life and work, has established the 'Women in Wales For Europe Network'.

Chaired and hosted by Jane Hutt AM, the network is committed to ensuring relationships with the EU are maintained and that Welsh women's voices are heard on Brexit.

Discussions are focused on the equality and human rights implications of Brexit in Wales..

The group's call to action includes a commitment to using its many networks to inform women about what Brexit really means for them, their families and communities and to empower them to challenge inequalities and influence decision making.

Ms Hutt, who set up the group in liaison with the independent anti-Brexit campaign group Wales For Europe, said she was delighted with the range and breadth of organisations and sectors taking part, and their determination to confront and eliminate discrimination.

"We know that, with Brexit, we are facing uncertain times. The Welsh Government has already stated that Wales 'must not lose a penny of funding due to Brexit'. That is very important, particularly for women in relation to, for example, domestic violence services, employment programmes and health and well-being.

"In addition we must ensure that women's rights are not allowed to roll backwards and that hate crime and discrimination based on nationality (both EU nationals and those of other countries) is prevented.

"The Women in Wales For Europe Network, collectively and individually, will be a voice of conscience, working to ensure that equality and human rights are not sidelined during the negotiations but are always part of mainstream discussions."

For further information, contact: Helen Birtwhistle Director, Wales For Europe director@walesforeurope.org.

A fond return for store's new charity partner

FOLLOWING a successful year working with the RNLI Barry Dock Lifeboat Station, Sainsbury's Barry is now pleased to reveal their new charity partner for 2018.

Over two weeks this June, customers were given the chance to vote in-store and online for the store's new charity partner, with the RNLI receiving the most votes.

Christopher Stork, store manager at Sainsbury's Barry, said: " We're really excited to be working with the RNLI at Barry Dock Lifeboat Station again, supporting such a fantastic cause. Everyone here at the Barry store is looking forward to working together for a successful partnership."

CS

Treat your canine friends at Posh Pawz Rhoose

POSH PAWZ Rhoose have just celebrated their sixth anniversary.

K9 beauticians Kath and Jo have both been very successful and have both provided a one-to-one service pampering your precious pooches.

They have decided to tackle new ventures and Jo will be leaving Posh Pawz Salon & Spa at the end of July.

Kath will continue to run Posh Pawz in Rhoose and will continue to provide a top-class grooming experience.

The salon remains a safe, clean, fully-heated and air-conditioned environment in which your best friend recieves the very best of care and attention.

Kath will continue to provide freshen-up baths to full grooming treatments, which include ear plucking, nail trimming and anal gland treatment

The salon also features a variety of collars, leads, harnesses, coats, toys and treats at reasonable prices.

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Out & About with The GEM

Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition

ON July 31 at Coed Rural Art Space, Stephen Watts will be hosting a Zimbabwean sculpture exhibition, with music and story telling, from 1pm onwards.

Mr Watts is the third generation in a line of sculptors in his family. Over the past three years, he has been building relationships with Zimbabwe through spending a year living there.

He has brought back about 40 sculptures for this exhibition from Tengenenge sculpture community.

Tengenenge began back in the 1960s and continues up to this day with over 100 artists still living there making sculpture.

Despite the struggles of the country, artists continue the sculpture tradition, and now there are many upcoming artists developing new style for Zimbabwean art.

The exhibition will show the spectrum of Zimbabwean sculpture, featuring work from first generation artists like Josia Manzi, to sculptors like Brian Tembo, carving abstract sculptures at the age of 15.

For further information, visit zimsculpture.co.uk.

ELDER ABUSE

DOMESTIC violence and elder abuse can happen to anyone and no one should live in fear.

Support and advice is available from Atal y Fro, an organisation in the Vale that offers help and support. A session will be held on Tuesday, July 31, from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. This is a drop-in session; no appointment is needed. *For further information, call 01446 732385.*

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Johnson's Skyscraper is pure, glorious fun!

DWAYNE JOHNSON has battled most things on screen – giant mutated wolves, earthquakes, Jason Statham and government agents to name but four – however, he has yet to face off against a skyscraper. Luckily, his latest film, *Skyscraper*, is on hand to rectify that.

Johnson plays Will Sawyer, a former FBI SWAT team member who, after losing the bottom part of his leg in an explosion, is now a security consultant. Hired to survey and assess the safety of the newly-built tallest skyscraper in the world in Hong Kong by owner Zhao (Chin Han), Will soon finds himself and his family (including his wife, played by Neve Campbell) embroiled in a plot to burn the building to the ground, and Will has to save his family in the most dramatic fashion...

Having started the summer battling genetically-modified creatures in *Rampage*, Dwayne Johnson signs off his summer with *Skyscraper*, a *Die Hard-meets-Towering Inferno* blockbuster. If there's one thing a Johnson film can guarantee is to offer you a good time, and *Skyscraper* most certainly does that, a lunking great beast of a blockbuster film that makes no pretence to be anything other than entertainment – and succeeds.

Johnson is that rare breed of actor (much like Tom Cruise) who has the ability to give the audience what they want, and while his output may not particularly tickle the fancy of the high-brow (or those who believe they are high-brow), what he nearly always delivers is something that thrills and keeps you watching.

There is so much about *Skyscraper* that feels hackneyed or predictable, the film getting its beats from disaster films of yore while dropping plot breadcrumbs with all the subtlety of a Donald Trump tweet (a room full of screens that create a hall of mirrors-esque effect? That would be a good place for a shootout) but what Johnson and director Rawson Marshall Thurber create is something that bypasses these over-familiar tics.

Of course, the big thrill is seeing Will enter the blazing tower to save his family, and after a little heavy-handed plotting, once we get there we get action sequence after action sequence that will do little to calm the nerves of those with a fear of heights (definitely avoid 3D), and a sense of spectacle that definitely keeps you on the edge of your seat.

Johnson is as ever hugely watchable, and what is pleasing is the way he downplays his super-heroic onscreen persona; with a prosthetic leg, Will is more than just your everyman thrown into an extraordinary situation – he is fallible and Johnson is great playing this role with just enough wizened charm.

Neve Campbell's character also transcends the familiar,

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and rather than be a damsel in distress she has her own specific set of skills that make her a valid character in her own right. Chin Han's billionaire-with-a-secret is enjoyable, as are McKenna Roberts and Noah Cottrell as Will's children who are caught up in the disaster, but the rest of the turns just don't catch light.

Pablo Schreiber just can't hide the shifty look in his extended cameo, while Roland Moller's villain is dull in the extreme and Noah Taylor's insurance expert is a blot on the actor's otherwise hugely impressive and underrated career.

But this isn't a film that rests on the shoulders of the acting performances, rather the bombast of the blockbuster and there's nothing wrong with that. It may run out of steam a little as we reach the climax, with the plot shoehorning the characters into a rather predictable denouement, but there's still a huge amount to enjoy in what is an incredibly pleasing slice of big-budget cinematic fun.

VERDICT: It's not clever but it certainly is big, and *Skyscraper* makes for a thoroughly satisfying blockbuster. As ever, Dwayne Johnson is hugely watchable, and while the performances range from decent to atrocious, director Rawson Marshall Thurber delivers spectacle, thrills and excitement – just don't look down! *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Die Hard* (1987), *San Andreas* (2015).

Bringing historic art to life at Dyffryn Gardens

VISITORS to Dyffryn Gardens can view a succulent border just below the south terrace.

It is inspired by a 1923 watercolour of Dyffryn Gardens painted by artist Edith Adie.

Edwardian plant connoisseur and then-owner of Dyffryn, Reginald Cory, commissioned Adie to paint several views of the gardens (designed by Thomas Mawson in 1906 in the Arts and Crafts style).

In 2023 Dyffryn, now owned by the National Trust, will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Edith Adie Dyffryn watercolours and, with just five years to go, staff have begun a project to reinstate the real-life inspirations for her work.

The border is filled with an array of succulents including aeonium, agave, crassula, sempervivum and gasteria to produce a carpet bedding effect.

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National Garden Scheme weekend

77 Cefn Road.

LISTED below are the gardens in Barry opening for the National Garden Scheme on the weekend of July 28-29.

Barry – *47, Aneurin Road*, Barry. Small town front garden with an ever-changing canvas reflecting the seasons and flowering cycle of a wide and varied arrangement of plants, grown in containers and hanging baskets.

Open July 28 and 29, 11.30am-6pm – 47 Aneurin Road, Barry, CF63 4PP.

77 Cefn Road, Barry – A large S-facing garden with flower borders, pots, vegetables, hens and several seating areas. There is a pond for wildlife next to a bog garden with large Gunnera and flanked by banana plants. The vegetable garden has two greenhouses, four no-dig beds, a composting system and a wood shed with a green roof. Views over the Vale and Bristol Channel.

Open July 28 and 29, 11am-5pm – CF32 0AW.

446 Gladstone Road, Barry – Small town house garden, currently in development that has to cater for a children's play area but still has a good arrangement of planting that could survive the occasional damage!

Open July 28 and 29, 12noon-6pm – CF63 1QG.

Aston Martin sponsors RAF dance at St Athan

PICTURED: Mark Brayson, Aston Martin VIP Operations Director, Brian Plenderleith and John Bollard of Rotary Club of Rhondda and Tony Missen of Aberdare Rotary Club, at a recent visit to the company's car plant at Gaydon in Warwickshire.

THE Rotary Club of Rhondda and RAF St Athan are currently organising a Glenn Miller hangar dance to be held on October 27.

Music will be provided by the RAF Central Band's big band sound, The Squadronaires, with Kirsten Orsborn, Royal Marines official forces 'sweetheart' and Michael Buble tribute, Tom Carey.

The dance is being arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Air Force and the 80th birthday of RAF St Athan. Proceeds from the event will go to the RAF Benevolent Fund and local charities.

It is hoped that 1,000 tickets will be sold and they will go on sale at the end of this month. The venue for the dance will be in a hangar at MoD St Athan and tickets will cost £25.

The organising committee is pleased to announce that Aston Martin, who are currently building a car plant at MoD St Athan, have agreed be the main sponsor for the event.

For tickets, contact Dave Thomas on 07570 793029 or email daillew@gmail.com; Brian Plenderleith on 01443 430992, 07743 482412 or email bcplenderleith@sky.com.

Classic film night at The Small Space

THE Small Space in Barry is starting to screen classic films and here *Paul Sutton* reports on its launch event:

July 16 was the first film night at The Small Space in Barry.

An appreciative audience viewed the Michael Caine caper *The Italian Job* with everyone joining in at the famous scene shouting: "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

The film was preceded with drinks at the bar, admirably manned by Bryan, before a short welcome and introduction by host Jasper Blakeley.

The screen size and sound system for such a small venue really did do justice to the film.

Further classic films are planned over the coming months and deserves to be well supported by the local community as it provides just that something a little bit different in an intimate surrounding for a Monday night out. Check it out for yourself and enjoy.

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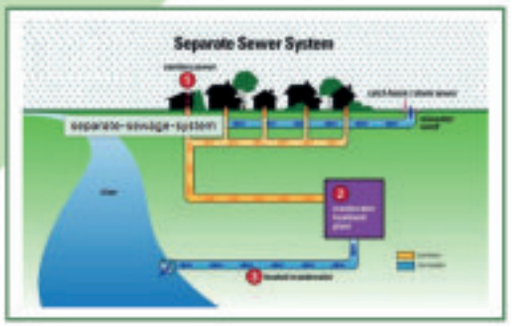

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- Environment Agency (EA) regulations are changing on January 1st 2020.
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Awards for inspired students

The students with their awards.

STUDENTS and volunteers from across the Vale were commended for their achievements in a recent awards evening held at Barry's Art Central Gallery.

The Vale Inspire Awards was organised by the Vale Adult Learning Network – a range of partnership organisations who provide learning and volunteering opportunities in the Vale.

The overall winner of the Inspire award, was Beryl O'Brien, who began as a volunteer at Cardiff Metropolitan University. She has progressed from learning on a taster course to completing a degree course and hopes to graduate at the same time as her granddaughter.

This year's winners of the Gail Hughes Community project award, in memory of a former staff member who worked for the Vale of Glamorgan Community Development, was awarded to 'The Journeys', which runs a 'Confidence and Self Esteem' project at Palmerston community learning centre.

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Resistance to Autism Bill 'disappointing'

AUTISM sufferers across Wales will feel "let down" by the Welsh Government, said South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies recently.

There have long been calls for legislation guaranteeing autism sufferers rights and support, and a Welsh Conservative Autism Bill is currently progressing through the Assembly.

While the Welsh Labour Government have allowed their backbench members a free vote on the Bill, they have not indicated Ministers will support it.

Mr Davies,who has recently visited several organisations calling for better support for autism sufferers, said the situation was "bitterly disappointing" and urged Ministers to give the Bill their "wholehearted backing".

He said: "I have recently visited many organisations, including Vale People First in Barry, who made it quite clear they need more help from those in power.

"An Autism Act for Wales would deliver this, so the Welsh Government must sit up, take notice and give autism sufferers the support they need."

New handmade kitchen now available at Topstak

TOPSTAK, in the Vale, have added a beautiful handmade kitchen to their top quality range.

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In addition to these features, the Eric Christian also offers curved door units, on request; delivery direct to site; a quick turnaround if required; a wide range of appliances; a lovely selection of worktops and wall tiles, to suit individual tastes.

Also on offer is a bespoke and personalised design -lead service; in-frame and lay-on designs; made-to -measure service available; synchronised full extension drawer runners with soft close technology; experienced and thoughtful fitting teams and associated trades; internal wireworks and kitchen gadgets and hand-painted with a large choice of colours or delivered to site undercoated ready for painting on site.

Christian Brookfield from Topstak says: "The Eric Christian compliments our current range of high-quality kitchens perfectly. As with every service we provide, a dedicated team will ensure that everything goes smoothly for the customer, from helping with the choice of paintwork and appliances, to installing the kitchen in the home."

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Firefighters rescue horses trapped in trench

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TWO horses that became stuck after wandering into a trench have been freed by South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The horses – a mare and her foal – were unable to back out of the trench at a disused building at an old colliery site in Ynysmaerdy, Pontyclun, on July 20.

It appears they became stuck after walking through a tunnel and down a trench, which was narrow, and they were unable to go back when they could not go any further.

It is unsure how long the horses were there, but one of those on the scene suggested a day, commenting that the horses remained calm and were used to being handled by people.

The rescue was undertaken by the fire crew and the owner, with advice from a vet and support from the RSPCA.

A ramp of wooden blocks were used to move the horses up higher so their heads were above the trench, allowing more space for them to turn around.

There was praise for the fire crew, and the horses were uninjured apart from a few grazes.

The owner has been advised to block up the access point.

Ableworld's ethical selling policy on mobility products

AFTER more calls have been made for tighter mobility scooter laws to prevent 'unfit users' from purchasing equipment without being assessed, Ableworld want to reassure their customers they will be continuing to trade as an ethical mobility retailer as they have always done since they were founded in 2000.

At a time when many mobility retailers have given in and sold scooters online with no checks,

Ableworld strongly believes that before purchasing some items of mobility equipment, customers should be correctly assessed and advised which product fits their needs best.

Michelle Mossford, senior marketing manager said: "The wrong product sold over the internet or in-store without a proper assessment could lead to added complications to a person's condition.

"For this reason, some of our products are only available for purchase after an assessment has been made either in the home or in one of our stores.

"This can sometimes mean we lose out to 'less responsible' competitors who have no concerns selling over the internet or without a thorough assessment".

Those products that Ableworld insist have an assessment prior to purchase include riser recliner chairs, scooters, powerchairs and wheelchairs.

If you would like an assessment in your home, contact your nearest Ableworld store for more information or alternatively visit the store, where our trained advisors will be happy to help you.

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Morrisons announces its 'Quieter Hour'

MORRISONS Barry is to introduce a quieter hour for customers who would benefit from a calmer shopping trip.

Designed to help customers who currently struggle with music and the other noise associated with supermarket shopping, it will take place every Saturday in the Heol Ceiniog store from 9am to 10am.

The Quieter Hour initiative has been created with the support of the National Autistic Society. Many people who are autistic or those with autistic children can find shopping in a supermarket an anxious experience.

Morrisons carried out a trial earlier in the year in three of its stores to find out what improvements can be made and to find a convenient time each week for the 'Quieter Hour' to take place.

They found one in five had a friend or family member with autism and many appreciated the option to shop at that time on a Saturday.

During Quieter Hours the store will: dim the lights; turn music and radio off; avoid making tannoy announcements; reduce movement of trolleys and baskets; turn checkout beeps and other electrical noises down; place a poster outside to tell customers it's Quieter Hour.

Morrisons will also work to improve awareness among colleagues of the issues autistic customers face in store. **MS**

Local housing association receives award from RNIB

NEWYDD Housing Association and its tenants living at Elis Fisher Court in Barry, can now live independently for longer, following innovative renovations which support those individuals living with sight loss.

The changes, which were internal and external, mean that Newydd have been awarded RNIB Cymru's 'Visibly Better' Platinum Award. This is the third Newydd scheme that has received this award.

Major external changes have been made to the scheme such as wide level access paths around the building, installing tactile paving and coloured handrails, as well as highlighting the path edgings, to ensure that tenants can safely navigate their way around the building to the garden without the potential for any slips, trips or falls.

Internally at Elis Fisher Court, Newydd have installed lighting which is controlled by movement sensors, window tinting and blinds to prevent glare, as well as new handrails to internal staircases and highlighting of internal stair treads to prevent falls.

Jason Wroe, housing director for Newydd, said: "As a responsible social landlord, we understand the importance of creating homes that not only offer somewhere safe, affordable and secure for tenants, but also a home that meets their needs.

"We are proud to receive the Visibly Better award from RNIB Cymru as it cements our commitment as an organisation to provide homes where tenants with sight loss can live independently for longer."

Working with RNIB Cymru, some Elis Fisher Court tenants were trained to become assessors and throughout the renovations ensured the work was up to standard and suitable for fellow tenants.

Ansley Workman, director of RNIB Cymru, added: "Our Visibly Better awards make a huge difference to the lives of tenants. Often the changes are very simple but lead to a reduction in falls and accidents.

"Although the standards are aimed at improving accessibility for people with sight loss, they will benefit a wide range of tenants including people with dementia or mobility problems.

"We know that one in five people aged 75 and over are living with sight loss, and that sight loss is set to double in the next 25 years. Congratulations to Elis Fisher Court for their award."

Newydd has two further Independent Living Schemes in Barry scheduled for renovation work to support its tenants with sight loss and provide them with the means to continue living independent lives.

For more information about Newydd and its Independent Living Schemes, visit www.newydd.co.uk

'Playing the Game' at Stanwell School

ON July 16 and 17, the whole of the junior children performed Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins JR* in front of two sell-out crowds at Stanwell School's auditorium.

After months of rehearsals for the year-6 children, they were very proud to let everyone's favourite nanny take centre stage in an adventure based on the award-winning Broadway musical and classic Walt Disney film.

The show started with the jack-of-all trades, Bert, introducing the audience to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. The scene quickly changes to a young Jane and Michael Banks, who have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep.

Using a combination of magic and commonsense, she teaches the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins took the audience on many magical and memorable adventures.

It isn't just Jane and Michael that Mary Poppins has a profound effect on, even grown-ups learnt a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that 'Anything can happen if you let it'.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of all the children who took part in Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins JR*.

It was an enchanting mixture of an irresistible story, fantastic dance routines and unforgettable songs.

A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and community for their support in making this year's performance such a success. It was practically perfect in every way.

LATCH golf day raises £7,500 for charity

It was the 22nd year for the event at the Glamorganshire Golf Club.

THE LATCH Welsh children's cancer charity annual charity golf day was held at Glamorganshire Golf Club on July 12, and more than 120 local business people and golf enthusiasts took part.

The charity golf day, which is now in its 22nd year, was a resounding success, with £7,500 raised during the day.

Phil Parker, who organises the event, said: "The sunshine made for a very memorable event and it was so good to meet up with friends from the golfing and business worlds to enjoy a day in aid of a charity that is so very close to my heart.

"The fact that we raised so much money is testament to the community spirit that is so strong in the golfing arena, and it's an absolute honour to be able to help support such a vital local charity.

"Along with the LATCH team, I would like to thank everyone who entered on the day and also to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it such a huge success."

For further information, visit www.latchwales.org.

'Bloomin' beautiful' in Porthcawl!

Jean Thomas, Akela, 1st Porthcawl Scouts; Dr George Foster and Jonathan Thomas admire the flower-filled boat.

READERS of The GEM might be aware that the little boat on the A4106 (Bridgend Road), just past the Porthcawl Town sign from Tythegston, is maintained by the Wilderness Allotments Association, Heol Y Godwig.

It is just one of the voluntary community activities for which the Wilderness was given the European Allotment Award last year.

During one of the hottest and driest summers on record, it has taken much effort by the three volunteers in the photograph to keep the boat looking beautiful for the thousands of visitors to Porthcawl.

The boat is a successful partnership between various organisations: Tools for Self-Reliance; BCBC Green Spaces; Sustainable Wales, 1st Porthcawl Scouts (Woodland Hall) and the Wilderness Allotments.

However, nothing could have been achieved this summer without the generosity of the neighbouring householder who allows the group to have water!

David Rowe, chairman, Wilderness Allotments Association.

MP's tribute to Welsh Guards

VALE MP Alun Cairns has paid tribute to the work the Welsh Guards are doing in Afghanistan.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP said in the Commons that he had recently spent time with the regiment in Kabul.

He said: "I saw at first hand the important role that our servicemen and women play in the UK's operations, and I pay tribute to them.

"Having seen the Welsh Guards in action in Afghanistan, I have nothing but admiration and respect for the work that they do.

"Additional support to help them embed the important steps they are taking to support the ongoing work of the Afghan Government will be extremely important.

"I pay tribute to them for the work they do."

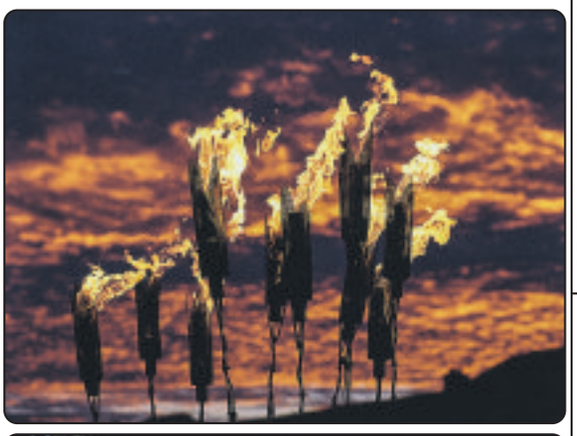
Michael Prosser

The Isle of Fire draws crowds to Barry Island

ONCE again, the Vale Council's 'Isle of Fire' event at Barry Island, this year sponsored by Admiral, proved to be popular with the crowds.

Local photographer Roger Harrison took these photos of the evening as it moved from dusk to darkness.

You can see more of Roger's work on *http://www.cariadus.com*



'Future is Bright' award winner Nora Hardy with Chris Parsons from New Directions.

'Inspired for Life' awards presented

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has held its first 'Inspired for Life' awards to celebrate the individuals, groups and organisations that help to improve the lives of local people.

A shortlist of nominees was drawn up after the public was invited to put forward contenders, before the winners in five award categories were chosen at the event held at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl.

The winners were:

Power of One award – Simon Green: Simon campaigns tirelessly for better awareness, better inclusion, and more accessibility for disabled people.

Made a Difference award – Community Furniture Aid: This Pontycymer based charity supply donated furniture to furnish homes for homeless and poverty stricken residents.

Future is Bright award – Nora Hardy: Nora is a 17-year-old pupil at Bryntirion Comprehensive who has contributed greatly to the wider community to help and inspire others. At just 18 months old, Nora needed a liver transplant, and as she has grown up has done wonders to raise awareness for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

Above and Beyond award – Geoff Cheetham: Geoff is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of older people .

Innovation award – Maesteg Alternative Curriculum Base, Maesteg School: A small department of four staff work with pupils to provide physical, mental, social and educational support.

Thanks were given to BCBC partners Linc Cymru, New Directions, Sony UK Technology, BAVO and Sport Wales.

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RNLI lifeguards to patrol Porthcawl's beaches until 2021

A DEAL has been agreed for RNLI lifeguards to continue patrolling four Porthcawl beaches until the summer of 2021.

Coney Beach, Rest Bay, Trecco Bay and Pink Bay will all be covered by the RNLI's seasonal beach lifeguarding service.

The patrols will be jointly funded by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Porthcawl Town Council and Parkdean Resorts, with the RNLI covering additional costs through their national and local fund raising activities

Rest Bay, Coney Beach and Trecco Bay are being patrolled daily between 10am and 6pm until the end of the season on September 2, while lifeguards will patrol Pink Bay from Rest Bay when the tide allows. Once the tide prevents access to Pink Bay, the lifeguards will then undertake regular patrols from land.

For more information and advice on all aspects of beach and coastal safety visit the RNLI's Respect the Water campaign website at rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water.

'Aggressive robbery' at Brynhill Golf Club

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information about a robbery at Brynhill Golf Club on Sunday night (July 22).

Two males entered the golf club shortly before 11.40pm, where they grabbed a 39-year-old woman by the neck before making off with a money box and a quantity of bank notes from the till.

The males were both wearing hooded tops, and one was also wearing a pair of sunglasses.

Detective Inspector Terry Hopkins said: "This was an aggressive robbery committed against someone who was just doing her job. We are supporting the victim but are also determined to bring those responsible to justice.

"We would urge anyone with information to get in touch with us or to call Crimestoppers, anonymously."

Anyone with any information about this incident should call police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting reference 1800275602.

Porthcawl and Barry RNLI to the rescue

Porthcawl RNLI arrives to help. (Photo by Porthcawl RNLI).

A joint effort by Porthcawl and Barry RNLI volunteers rescued a yacht that was in danger of sinking five miles off shore.

At 8.10pm on Tuesday, July 24, Porthcawl and Barry Dock RNLI lifeboats launched to a 53ft yacht which had made a MAYDAY call as it was taking on water south of Nash Point.

Porthcawl's Atlantic 85 lifeboat, Rose of the Shires, was launched and located the casualty yacht about five miles south west of Nash Point.

Two volunteer crew members were put aboard with a salvage pump. They assessed the situation on board and managed to stem the ingress of water with the pump.

Upon the arrival of the larger Barry Dock lifeboat, the Atlantic 85 transferred two crew members from Barry Dock lifeboat onto the casualty vessel before recovering their own two crew members.

Porthcawl lifeboat then returned to station whilst the Barry Dock Lifeboat took the yacht under tow and back to Barry Dock for the skipper to carry out repairs.

Lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen, said, 'The casualty yacht crew did the right thing by putting out the MAYDAY call as soon as they were aware of taking in water.

"This allowed us and Barry Dock lifeboat to located and manage the situation and avoid a possible sinking of the casualty vessel'.

Ay up m'duck – YOU'VE WON!

RECORD crowds attended Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete, at the Knap Gardens on July 21.

The organisers of the event, The Rotary Club of Barry, wish to thank all those who attended. Everyone had a great day, including the ducks.

The winning ducks are: Race 1 duck number 1415, Race 2 duck number 964, Race 3 duck number 1142. The sponsors of the winning ducks have already been notified.

See next week's GEM for more 'quacking" photos.

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VALE AM ENJOYS A CWTCH!

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently joined the Cwtch Peer Support Group at the Vale Hub in Barry to learn more from members affected by depression and/or anxiety about the ways they support each other.

Jane Hutt said: "It was so good to find out more about this self help group which means so much to its members meeting every week at the Vale Hub and always welcoming new members."

The photo shows Jane Hutt AM with the Cwtch Cymru Barry Peer Support Group.

NSPCC trustees thank 'their local'

Liz and Andy (centre) with their award.

SINCE the St Hilary and District branch of the NSPCC was formed in 2016, Andy and Liz, proprietors of the Bush in the village of St Hilary, have been unstinting supporters.

In June 2016, Andy cycled the 140-mile Dragon Ride in aid of the NSPCC and pedalled his way to raising more than £1,500.

Liz was fundamental in organising the St Hilary and District Ball at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge in May 2017. She helped with the logistical elements of organising the event, selling the tables and obtaining raffle prizes, including donating the family holiday villa abroad for a week as one of the prizes.

Her organisational skills are incredible and she worked with the St Hilary and District committee to create a fantastic event, raising over £12,000.

Andy and Liz are amazingly supportive of all the NSPCC's fundraising activities in St Hilary and promote all NSPCC events at The Bush Inn. Their support has been hugely appreciated by both the St Hilary committee and the Cardiff branch.

As a result, they need to be congratulated for receiving an award from the NSPCC trustees in recognition of their fundraising efforts. Well done Andy and Liz!

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A summer's evening walk for Penarth and District Ramblers

ON a beautiful sunny, hot and still evening, a group of 16 walkers and Mervyn the spaniel joined Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at St Andrews Major Primary School recently.

After welcoming some of the people who walk with Geraint on the Dinas Powys walks on Wednesday evenings, which have now finished, they set off down the Westra.

Carefully avoiding the traffic, a metal gateway led them onto what was part of the St Andrews Major golf course but is now privately owned with its large flock of black sheep quietly grazing.

Following the public right of way where it has been marked out by a tape fence in places and emerging onto the golf course, they enjoyed some friendly banter with two male players as they waited for them to play their shots before moving on.

Because the public footpath at this point is blocked with thick vegetation, they made their way past the driving range, and followed the path behind the clubhouse adjacent to the Coldbrook River onto Argae Lane.

Crossing Pont y Rhydyll, they walked up the driveway passing cows and sturdy calves, sprawled out enjoying the evening sunshine in the adjoining fields.

They arrived at Biglis farmhouse and its stone barn, built in the late 18th or early 19th century, but since then has been remodelled and both buildings are Grade II listed.

Passing below the main Cardiff to Barry railway line and heading through a metal gate, a small herd of inquisitive bullocks followed the group half way across the field and then gave up in the heat. A stile led them to the distinctive red and yellow bricked Biglis Pumphouse, opened in 1899.

Negotiating a narrow path through tall foliage beside the banks of the Cadoxton River, they went into fields beside Cardiff Road and along a narrow path through trees into Parc Bryn y Don where the popular skate park was opened in 2007.

Circumnavigating the field that contains the cricket pitch and exiting into Cae'r Odyn, some pavement walking at Heol y Frenhines and Cardiff Road led them into Station Road and up onto Dinas Powys Common.

Walking on slightly higher ground with its grand views towards the Bristol Channel and Sully meant they were able to catch and enjoy the slight breeze for the short walk back to their start.

On July 28, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 7.5-mile moderate walk from Cyfarthfa Castle taking in Morlais Castle and the Taff Fechan Valley; contact John on 01446 418514.

On July 29, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11.5-mile hard walk taking in Sugar Loaf, Partrishow Church and Crug Mawr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On August 2, meet at 6.30pm at the Visitors Centre, Cosmeston Country Park for a four-mile easy/moderate walk taking in Lavernock beach and Swanbridge; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

For up to date information, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Bluebirds revive plan for training base in the Vale

CARDIFF City Football Club could finally get permission to start work on a new training ground this week.

The Bluebirds want to build the new training ground in the Vale on council-owned agricultural land south-west of Junction 34 of the M4.

The Vale Council's planning committee will discuss the first part of the plans, which would include 15 pitches on land opposite Hensol Villas, on Thursday (July 26).

The club also wants to build a two-storey training centre in the middle of the new ground, with 123 car parking spaces, but this is subject to a separate planning application.

Vale Council officers have advised the committee to approve permission for the 15 pitches, across a 44 acre site, subject to conditions.

There have been 19 letters of objection sent to the council since the planning application was first submitted in 2013.

Concerns raised by residents include the new training ground's proximity to neighbouring properties, potential floodlighting, flooding issues and 'noise levels and disturbance including obscene language,' a council report says.

Pendoylan Community Council has also raised concerns about noise and increase in traffic resulting from the development, and has objected to using the land for non-agricultural purposes.

The training centre, which will be decided on another date, would include a gym, pool, treatment rooms and dining rooms.

There would also be spectator terraces for overlook the first team pitches to the west of the training ground and for academy pitches to the east.

Plans for the new training ground were originally submitted following Cardiff City's promotion to the Premier League in 2013.

The Bluebirds were relegated in the 2013-14 season, but won promotion back to the top flight last season.

They play their first game back in the Premier League away at Bournemouth on August 11.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

BINGO AFTERNOON

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall in Stewart Road is holding another of its fundraising bingo afternoons on Saturday, July 28; doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be served, followed by a raffle; everyone is welcome.

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Hovercraft arrives at Penarth 50 years ago

WORLD history was made on Penarth beach on Monday, July 22, 1963 when the SRN2 hovercraft flew into land for P & A Campbell Ltd to start a cross channel ferry service to Weston super Mare for the first time.

The experimental service was to last over the summer months, in tandem with the regular paddle steamer excursions operated by *Cardiff Queen* and *Bristol Queen*.

This unusual vessel was built by Westland Aircraft, in essence to establish the viability of such craft. The Saunders/Roe Number 2 had trials in Canada and one advantage here was that this hovering wonder could operate any time of the tide practically anywhere.

Floating on a cushion of air and weighing 27 tons, it could accommodate up to 70 passengers and travel at over 80 miles per hour. The journey time from Penarth to Weston was just over 10 minutes!

This was no doubt the brainchild of Sydney Clifton Smith-Cox, the managing director of P & A Campbell Ltd, and provided a considerable amount of publicity for a company that just a few years before was in receivership.

There were drawbacks though – the small number of passengers it could carry (compared with 1,000-plus on the big paddle steamers), the noise it generated and mechanical glitches. At the end of a six-week season, the hovercraft flew away again and did not return to the Severn Sea!

The hovercraft story did not end there because P & A Campbell commenced hovercraft services on the south coast of England to a number of locations and across to France, operated by the SRN6 named after the former flagship of the White Funnel Fleet "*Britannia*". She 'flew' from Dover, Hastings and Margate to Calais on a 'no passport' arrangement. This service operated between 1966 and 1967.

Meanwhile back at Penarth, the arrival of SRN2 was no doubt greeted with pleasure by the local school children – who had the day off to witness the event. Civic dignatories, of course, turned out in number. The local press got excited too – "History was in the making – THE THING IS HERE!", The single fare to Weston was £1 (very expensive for the time) and return ticket – out by hovercraft – back by steamer set you back 27/6d. Another drawback – at Penarth beach anyway – was that the force of the draught caused pebbles to fly all over the place.

The vessel was 65 feet in length and 30 feet in breadth and powered by four Bristol Siddeley Nimbus turboshaft engines of 815 horsepower each.

A number of proposed hovercraft schemes have emerged from time to time but nothing much has resulted. Now, with practically no maritime excursions here it is surprising how many local residents remember the events of 55 years ago to this day.

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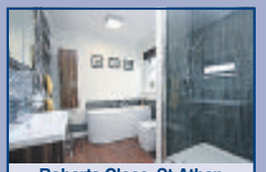

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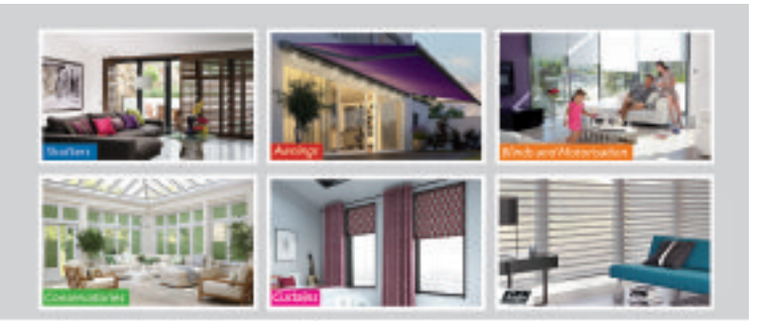

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BENTON
Shirley

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Ruth

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Mary, Jane and Anita would like to thank family and friends for their support, cards and messages at this sad time. Also to everyone who was able to attend the celebration of Brian's life.

Special thanks to Dr. Rayani, district nurses and Marie Curie Day and Night Home Care, A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Kate Weston who took the humanist ceremony.

BARTLETT
Mark

Chris, Alex, Adam and Aziz would like to thank all their friends, family and neighbours for the kindness shown to them after Mark's sudden death.

For the many cards, flowers, messages of condolence and offers of support.

Grateful thanks to Canon David Brunning and everyone who was able to join us in the celebration of Mark's life.

Thanks to Jenny from W A Brown Funeralcare.

FULCHER
Rose

Terry and family would like to thank everyone for their cards of sympathy and all those who came to the funeral. We would also like to thank Father Craig and Andrew Thomas of JR & MF David, for all their support and kindness during this sad time.

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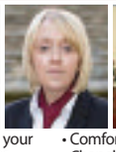

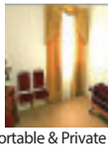

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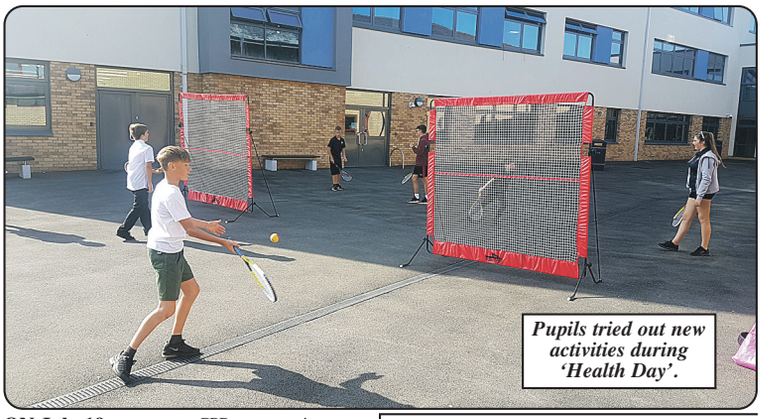
Llantwit Major pupils try out a 'health day'



Pupils tried out new activities during 'Health Day'.

ON July 19, Llantwit Major School pupils held in a 'health day', when took part in different sessions, including squash, Tae Kwon Do, Irish dancing and mindfulness.

The aim was to get pupils to try different types of activities to develop new skills, which may inspire and encourage them to get more involved in exercise and healthy living.

Some of the students said: "Meditation was quiet and relaxing, not like a usual day in school!" – Shanti (year-9).

"I enjoyed the first aid session as we were trained by experienced St John's Ambulance staff and got to practise CPR compressions on resuscitation Annie dolls."– Chloe (year-8).

"We learned that sugar isn't always where you think it is… for example, there are 10 teaspoons of sugar in a cup of fruit juice, which is more than in a can of Coke!" – Joe (year-9).

"We finished first in orienteering but ended up coming second as our maths let us down. We realised that we need to be academic and athletic to get far in life!" – Rhys (year-8).

With so many inspirational sessions, pupils have learned that being healthy is not hard work and it can be a lot of fun! Remember: it's never too early or too late to work towards being the healthiest you.

Mrs E Richards and Tia-Jade Allen (year-10)

Stitching session to be held for Remembrance

THIS year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Llantwit Major Town Council will be honouring the occasion in a number of ways, one of which is with the Commemorative Wall Hanging, which we are in the process of creating a patchwork from single poppies that have been made by individuals and groups in the community.

The Wall Hanging will be hung from the Town Hall on Remembrance Sunday and then later displayed inside the Town Hall.

If you have purchased a textile square, please return it to the Town Hall on completion. Textile squares are for sale in the Town Hall at £1 and all proceeds will be donated to The Poppy Appeal.

Our next 'stitching session' will be held at 2pm on August 22, in Llantonian Hall. We hope to have as many squares as possible returned for this sitting.

We are also appealing for any World War One memorabilia that you may have for an exhibition that will be held over the Remembrance Weekend. The 'Memorial Exhibition' will be displayed from November 8-11 and will include memorabilia, photographs and art work from local artists and schools.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute please contact the Town Council on 01446 793707 or email lm.tc@btconnect.com

A jolly affair for Boverton WI

THE July meeting of Boverton WI was a jolly affair – not least because of the beautiful weather and the usual tea and biscuits were replaced by prosecco, crisps and line dancing.

President Joan reminded everyone about the afternoon tea at West House Hotel on Thursday, August 9. This will take the place of the August meeting and give everyone an excuse to dress up.

The November meeting will be on Saturday, November 17 for a trip to Hereford where there will be ample opportunity to shop for Christmas.

On Monday, September 3, there will be an evening at the Hotter shoe shop in Cardiff with wine, nibbles, a personal fitting service and 30 per cent off any purchases made. There will also be a raffle and a goody bag at the end of the evening.

Joan announced that one of the members, Alice Thomas of St Donats, celebrated her 90th birthday recently, so happy birthday wishes go to her.

At the September meeting, there will be a demonstration on gift wrapping and the book stall will open to boost funds.

With the business of the evening concluded, it was line dancing time. The floor was cleared, first came the instructions, then the taking part. A large portion of members quickly got the hang of it and the advantage is you do not need a partner.

It is also a good form of excercise, especially for the more mature, as it improves mental skills, you have to memorise the steps and it is one of the best activities for total body wellness. It proved to be very popular.

The raffle was won by Anne Fry and Joyce Bruten.

Boverton WI meet on the second Thursday of each month in Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm and guests are always made welcome.

WJ

An open day to view restored Saron Chapel

THE wonderful Saron Chapel in Treoes will be re-opening very soon after significant support from Heritage Lottery to restore it, and return it to its former glory of the 18th century.

The Deacons, trustees and management committee of Saron Chapel, Treoes, offer a warm invitation to everyone to visit Saron Chapel on Saturday, August 11, anytime between 10am-2pm to walk around and see for themselves the beautiful newly-renovated Chapel.

Visitors are welcome to learn how funding was achieved, see many fascinating historical photos and facts obtained by the History Society.

A highlight of the day will be the opportunity to view the recently-restored Peter Williams Family Bible which was associated with the establishment of Saron in 1831. Tea/coffee will be awaiting your visit!

If you would like to know more about the history of the chapel, also the fascinating history of the village of Treoes go to www.friendsofsarontreoes.wales

PW

Cowbridge seconds are in good spirits despite close defeat

THE weather has helped make this a glorious summer for playing cricket and the main ingredients were there again on Saturday at the Broad Shoard, as Cowbridge second XI welcomed second-placed Drefach.

The sun was shining, the pitch was firm and flat, the opposition were a decent bunch of chaps, there was the lovely tea, prepared by Happy Days, and a convivial evening at the bar afterwards.

The only thing missing was the victory, but it was a fabulous, close game, played in a good spirit.

Cowbridge batted first and managed to score 165 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 40 overs.

David Gascoyne was first out, scoring 59 and Jonathan Webb hung around to score 70. Jonathan has scored a good number of runs this season, but hasn't been at his most fluent, yet there were signs of him hitting top form towards the end of his innings, as we watched him drive the ball majestically down the ground on several occasions.

Even so, the total was only respectable, not brilliant and Drefach, chasing promotion, were always going to give it a go.

Unfortunately for Cowbridge, they got off to a flying start, as the home side's opening attack struggled for accuracy and that meant that the opposition were never under sufficient pressure to make them panic.

Even so, the more accurate bowling of spin twins Ian Evans (two wickets) and Naveed Younas brought a degree of control.

This was followed up by club stalwarts John Gilbert, who took four wickets, and Guy Parker. In the end, it was only the experience of Drefach captain Joe Evans, with some clever tactics, which enabled the away team to secure victory, reaching 166 for the loss of eight wickets with seven balls to spare.

Cowbridge remain sixth out of 10 teams and venture to struggling Maesteg Celtic this Saturday knowing that another win will keep them well clear of the relegation position.

DG

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE latest results for the Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

July10: First, Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas, 61.67 per cent; second, Peter Millar and Tim Barsby, 60.83 per cent; third, Noelle Bond and Jenny Vaughan, 57.07 per cent.

The handicap winners were Reg Dyer and Dave Thomas.

July 17: First, Peter Millar and Mick Green, 61.67 per cent; second, Adrian and Diana Trickey, 57.50 per cent; Sarah Amos and Jenny Vaughan, 56.25 per cent.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles.

LH

Good week for Sully bowlers

OVERALL it was a good week for the Villagers of Sully Bowls Club, with an unusually-shaped side going down heavily to Windsor on a very slick green on Wednesday, winning on the last end on Saturday away to Trelewis and winning a quarter-final match against Barry Central in the Alun Martin.

Wednesday brought an unusual aray of players to Windsor to a green with no green in it - the surface was so fast (17 seconds) which is indoor pace that a lot of the Villagers took too long to find out how to bowl on it.

Only worthy of note was the rink of R Fitzjohn, E Pryer, A Smith and D Edwards winning 17-14 in an overall 51-95 loss.

Saturday came and we travelled to Trelewis, the side who had beaten us at home in our first league match, but with a few holiday-makers returning, a stronger side travelled.

On the fifth and 10th ends, Sully were a handful of shots up, but by 15 ends this had swung the other way and the Villagers were three down.

They stuck to the task in hand, clawing back the deficit - with three rinks of the green all losing, we were 10 down, but D Curtis' rink were 10 up with an end to play which they went on to win, holding shot for an 79-80 away win.

Scores: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 26-15; A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy, B Griffiths 16-21; B Curtis, A Rees, T Murphy, D Edwards 19-22; J Best, J Hubbard, D Hotchkiss, F Phillips 19-21.

This was Garth Johns' last game for a while for us and we all wish him well.

Sunday brought the two rink Alun Martin quarter-final against Barry Central played in Sully - enough to say a comfortable win was had on both rinks.

The semi-final is to be played this Sunday at 2.30pm in Sully against old adversaries Dinas Powys.

The Villagers are away on Saturday to Millwood in Barry.

TM

Big win for Belle Vue Bowling Club

BELLE VUE secured another big win in the Cardiff league against Caerphilly Bowling Club recently, with the final score 98 to 33.

All four rinks won well in the summer sunshine.

Rink two won their rink 22-8. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink three won their rink by 25–7, playing with one man short and after adjustment, they won well. Lead was Paul Booth, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink four won their rink 28–8. Lead was Colin Scammell, No 2 was skipper sub Dave Rappitt, No 3 was Paul Paterson; skip was Frank Keen.

Rink five won 23–10. Lead was Len Fowler, No 2 was Gordon Ford, No 3 Gerry Field and skip was Dave Purser.

Thanks go to Caerphilly for making it a friendly afternoon of bowling and to Malcolm Thomas and Gerry Field for the buffet.

On July 18, Belle Vue entertained Llantwit Major Bowling Club in a Munro Cup match in a close game.

After score adjustment, Belle Vue lost by 9 shots, having played with two men short.

Rink two lost 23-9; lead was Colin Scammell, No. 2 was new player Barrie Roberts; No. 3 was captain Paul Paterson and skip was Frank Keen.

Rink three won their rink 18-14. Lead was Dave Bradley, No.2 was Dave Huntley, No. 3 was Gordon Ford and skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink five won 17-8, after score adjustment, playing a man short. Lead was paul Booth, No.3 was Dave Smith and the skip was John Whitfield.

Paul Paterson thanked everyone for a good game and Malcolm for the food.

Local cadets to represent area in national regatta

BARRY Sea Cadets took part in the Area Sailing Regatta at Tata Steel Sailing Club near Port Talbot recently, and one of the crews has qualified to represent the South West Area in the National Regatta to be held in Southport in September.

The Area Regatta has representatives from units as far afield as Falmouth and Coventry competing in various classes of sailing boats for the honor of representing their area at national level.

Able Cadet Richardson and Cadet 1st class Edwards, who train at the Barry Community Water Activity Centre, were competing in the 18 boat Quest Class and finished in second place which qualifies them for the next stage, the National Regatta.

Cdt Edwards said: "I'm very excited and looking forward to training even harder, so as we can try and improve on our fourth place at last year's National sail."

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'HAVE horses will travel' is certainly the motto of Pembrokeshire trainer Peter Bowen.

At Cartmel last Saturday he took the first two races when his *Mac Tottie* under champion jockey Richard Johnson won the opening Cartmel Lodge Park Novices' Hurdle at odds of 7-2 and around 40 minutes or so later, his *Wells De Lune* the 11-4 favourite won the Banks Lyon Jewellers Lady Riders' Handicap Hurdle by one and a quarter lengths from *Innocent Touch*.

Wells De Lune was partnered by Jodie Hughes, 34, who is no stranger to the Vale, having ridden many point-to-point winners in the past at the Glamorgan and Ystrad Taf Fechan hunt meetings.

However, it was at Market Rasen that Bowen had his biggest success when his eight-year-old *More Buck's*, ridden by his son Sean Bowen, landed the 188Bet Summer Plate Handicap Chase worth £28,475 to the winner.

At the finish, *More Buck's*, a 6-1 chance, had half-a-length to spare over the bottom weighted *Too Many Diamonds* a winner of its previous three races.

At Sunday's Newton Abbot meeting Chepstow trainer Robert Stephens won the opening At The Races Sky 415 Maiden Hurdle with *Push The Tempo* who was ridden by T J O'Brien.

James Bowen, Sean Bowen's younger brother, riding the four-year-old *Tidal Watch* for the legendary Jon Jo O'Neill, won the Racing Partnership TRP Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams landed the opening Mazak Novices' Handicap Chase at Worcester on June 17 with his six-year-old *Dark Invader* who, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, won by half-a-length from *Comanche Chieftan*.

Dark Invader was returned the 9-4 favourite. Another Welsh trainer, Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen, took the following Mazak & PP Going Forward Together Novices' Chase with *Sourivan,* who ridden by his son Sean Bowen, came home three lengths ahead of *Scoop The Pot*. *Sourivan* was a 3-1 chance in a field of just four runners.

Eric the Third is first

***ERIC The Third,* trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan, landed the BetFred TV Conditional Jockeys' Handicap at Uttoxeter last week.**

The nine-year-old won by half-a-length from *Scotsbrook Night* in a field of nine and partnered by the talented Richard Patrick, went off the 11-10 favourite.

Molly Jones, who recently won at Chepstow for trainer Matt Salaman at odds of 50-1, ridden this time by Tony Clark, got home by a neck at Bath Races at the much shorter odds of 8-1 when beating the second favourite, *Broadhaven Honey*.

Special Olympics Golf hold annual golf tournament

JULY 9 saw golfers from around England and Wales compete at the Special Olympics Wales annual golf tournament at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

Cllr Janice Charles, Mayor of Barry, was present to welcome everyone to the tournament.

All golfers were introduced at the tee by John Hastings, the golf professional at the club, and in the first group two Welsh golfers teed off. They were Sam Lazenbury (Barry) and Matthew Sims (Cardiff), and in the second group was James Savory (Barry).

The nine hole competition saw Gareth Lloyd and Mark Eveleigh both from Barry in Division 2 and Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) in Division 3.

After all the rounds were completed, everyone sat down for a meal prepared by McGrath Catering followed by the presentation.

Matthew Sims finished second and Sam Lazenbury third in the 18 hole Division One competition, while in the 18 hole Division Two event, James Savory took first place.

In the nine-hole competition, Division One, Matthew Prewett took third place, in Division Two Gareth Lloyd came second and Mark Eveleigh third; Division Three saw Adrian Abbott finish second.

Special Olympics Wales would like to thank Cllr Charles, and McGrath Catering.

We now return to St Andrews Major Golf Club to prepare for our next competition under the watchful eye of John Hasting.

The golfers would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff of the St Andrews Major Golf Club for the warm welcome they receive at the club every week.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteer the sports we cover within Special Olympics Cardiff & Vale group are: Badminton, Bocce, Boccia, Indoor Bowls, Golf, Artistic Gymnastics, Sprint Kayaking, 10 Pin Bowling and Swimming.

Please contact Jeff Savory at specialolympicswales@gmail.com or 0780 316 5581.

JS

Lady bowlers are kept busy

ON Tuesday, Llantwit Major Bowls Club's ladies played a one-day competition, The H & J Semmens Trophy.

Everyone had an enjoyable day with Carol Margaret and Julie winning comfortably with seven out of the eight possible points.

On Thursday the Llantwit Major ladies welcomed their old rivals from Cowbridge for a league game. It was a lovely afternoon but disappointing for Llantwit Major ladies.

Ann, Mo, Etta and Gill started of well but lost the lead on the seventh end and never recovered losing 14-24.

With a deficit of 10 to make up the other two teams worked hard but did not quite make it.

Liz, Margaret, Marilyn and Julie edged into the lead on the fourth end winning 15-11.

Dilys, Eryl, Helen, and Carol struggled until the lucky 13th end going into the lead and keeping it to win 22-18.

With the teams score 51-53 to Cowbridge they claimed six points and Llantwit Major four.

A lovely tea followed the game and Llantwit ladies look forward to there last game for 2018 with Cowbridge in August.

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The 12th Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles event is a success

NOW in its 12th year, the Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles took place at RAF Brize Norton over the weekend of July 13-15.

Lez was an Airforce Sergeant and Wales' top ten-pin bowler at the time of his death, aged just 38, and was about to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne, Australia when his life was cut short.

Last year was the first time the tournament had been staged at RAF Brize Norton and it was such a success it was decided to put this year's event there again too.

It got off to a sad start due to the untimely death of our scorer and Tenpin Bowling Association of Wales webmaster Brian Burdett the night before the event.

A quiet character who always worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the scores and statistics up to date, he will certainly be missed by all the bowlers.

RAF Brize Norton is a 12-lane bowling alley and everyone attending needed a pass to get on to the base, these were duly organised by bowl manager Steve Morgan.

Last year saw 88 entries but a clash with the Air Tattoo in Fairford meant that some were working, resulting in 81 teams.

All teams play six games each and the highest scores plus handicaps are declared the winners. The first squad started at 6pm on the Friday and saw some great scores from Dave Wellsteed, which meant he and son Pip were leading with 2773.

The tournament raises money for the British Heart Foundation from just entries alone and this total plus the money from two raffles over the weekend saw over £600 raised last year.

The Saturday morning squad saw the lead change to local bowlers Dave Chapman and Chris Smith shooting 2822.

A fantastic display from top Welsh lady bowler Louise Roberts saw her narrowly missing the elusive 300 by hitting a 299 in the second squad of the day on lanes one and two.

However, other teams put in a good display with the ex-RAF team of Vets Southerners featuring Kev Hunter and Paul Caddy shooting 2830 to rise above Dave and Chris.

Still the good scores kept coming and Peter Bice, returning after a year's lay-off due to being knocked off his bicycle, shot 1109. Along with his partner Marilyn Codd, they ended up leading on 2865.

These scores were short-lived as Chris Lee shot a creditable 1300 and, with last year's winner Mike Williams shooting 1135, they found themselves leading with 2897.

Sunday was another hot day in the bowl and although bowlers tried, they could not catch the leaders. They had also previously won this event when it was staged in Rhondda Bowl in 2012.

Mike Williams has won the event three times and Chris Lee has won it an impressive four times, as he won it in 2015 and 2016 along with his father Tony Lee.

Louise Roberts won the High Game Handicap with 325 and High Series Handicap with 814 and her winnings of £50 were kindly donated back to the British Heart Foundation.

Kylie Bromley donated a further £50 to the charity, which brings the total raised to £687.60, almost matching last year's total.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my friend, Sarah MacPherson, who kindly stepped in at the last minute to keep the scoring up to speed - Brian would have been proud of you. Not only that but she was also escorting people both on and off base too.

Lastly thank you to the bowl manager Steve Morgan and deputy Dave Kirby for the running of the bowl and machinery over the weekend and the Station Commander of RAF Brize Norton for agreeing to us running the event there once again.

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Chess club to hold open evening

THE Barry Chess Club is pleased to announce its first open evening.

The idea is to enable people to see what chess can offer them in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend as there will be Barry Chess Club members present to assist or compete as required and refreshments can be purchased from the bar.

The evening takes place on Monday, August 6 at Barry West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY between 6.30pm-9.30pm.

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Bowls club benefit from sponsors

HARRIS PYE Ltd, a Joulon engineering company based in Llandow Industrial Park, but with employees in many locations around the world, have joined with Colston Lettings of Llantwit Major to sponsor new polo shirts for Llantwit Major Bowls Club.

This has enabled the club to purchase newly designed polo shirts manufactured by Classic Sports Wear in Ely Cardiff.

In the photograph, Steve Morgan, group security manager of Harris Pye, receives two of the new polo shirts from Mike Adams, president of Llantwit Major Bowls Club, prior to the team playing a triples match against Pencoed Bowling Club.

If you think you would like to try bowling please contact us via the website or by visiting the bowls club next to Llantwit Major Rugby Club.

For further detail of the bowls and sponsors visit; www.lmbc.wales, www.harrispye.com, www.classicsportswear.co.uk and www.colston.co.uk.

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Isabel picks top title at awards evening

AT the recent south Wales point-to-point dinner dance and presentation evening at the Holiday Inn, Newport, Llancarfan's Isabel Williams was presented with the Barbara Thomas Welsh Champion (ladies) trophy.

During the season Isabel, pictured, who just missed out on the national novice riders' title, rode six winners to beat reigning champion Jodie Hughes from Pembrokeshire.

Isabel's father Evan Williams, a former Welsh champion and national champion point-to-point rider and now a leading Welsh trainer, owned and trained the six winners that Isabel rode during the season.

Pictured to the left of Isabel is Bridgend's Connor Brace, who had a sensational season picking up several national awards and who is seen holding the trophy which goes to the leading novice rider in south Wales.

To the right of Isabel is Ynysbwl's Bradley Gibbs, who not only won the Welsh Champion Riders' Championship again, but also the Bill Jones Trophy which goes to the leading rider in south Wales.

BRIAN LEE

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for July 23:

1st Linda Pinnock & Marjorie Morris 59.38%, 2nd Sue Norris & Su Summerhayes 56.88%, 3rd Simon & Debbie Richards 55.83%.

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Cowbridge firsts find victory in the Llynfi Valley

IT'S not often that the Llynfi Valley gets compared to Tuscany, but the parched rounded hills provided an Italiante vista against which the Cowbridge first XI defeated the home side, Maesteg Celtic, by 68 runs and garnered 19 league points.

The frustration was that the leaders, Gorseinon contrived to get a full house at Merthyr and gain a point on Cowbridge.

The renaissance of Cowbridge and Gorseinon has seen a terrific battle for The Dan Radcliffe Cup all season.

The situation is now that Gorseinon have a lead of 21 points and there are five games to go with a maximum of 100 points available.

The match at Cowbridge against Gorseinon on August 11 will be crucial. However that supposes Cowbridge continue to win each week, otherwise the championship will probably go west.

Additionally the weather could intervene or Gorseinon might slip up.

It's been absorbing for the neutral, nerve-wracking for the supporters and a great advert for the cricket played by the two clubs.

So under an azure, almost Florentine sky, the formidable pairing of Tom Merilaht (68) and Ben Wright (129) were in a careful mood on a very dry pitch of variable bounce.

Putting on their third double hundred stand of the season, the pair were rather more engineers than exhibitors of flamboyant brush work, Brunelleschi rather than Botticelli.

It was Ben's fourth hundred of the season and in his last 14 innings in league cricket he has scored six of them, one a double hundred. It is quite remarkable.

A delightful cameo from Brad Evans (40) pushed the total to a safe position at tea, 264-4.

The Cowbridge attack bowled well and the fielding was of a uniformly high standard, but try as they might they could not quite get all 10 as the home side ambled to 204-9 without having made any real attempt to win the game. Tom Williams was the leading wicket taker with 3-37.

Tom has been the Palladio of the attack - like the great Venetian architect's designs, Tom's bowling is a study in simplicity and elegance.

This gives him a consistency that batsmen find great difficulty in scoring off. It's not a surprise then that Tom is top of economy rate table.

In outstanding form all season, his 24 wickets at an average of 8.67 put him top of the league averages; Tom is just ahead of Brad Evans, with 22 at 11.55, and Nick Wood, with 21 at 17.29.

On Saturday the Athletic Ground will host the visit of Gowerton. It promises to be another absorbing contest and the Cowbridge Cricket Club hope that their support will swell as they fight out the remaining fixtures.

On Saturday the match will start at 1.30pm, the bar will open at 4pm and the weather is set fair.

What more could you want than to watch highly-competitive, quality club cricket, being played on a splendid ground? A visit to the Uffizi perhaps? Isn't that in Maesteg?

JRB

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE BOWLS CLUB

THE first game of the week was a ladies Evening League two rink game at home to Sully Sports who currently lead the division.

Sully reinforced their position with a draw on one rink and a win on the second rink and by an overall win of three shots.

Rink scores: Margaret Cooper, Shirley Dunsworth, Lynda Wilson and Joan Bradley 20-20; Dorothy Pritchard, Sylvia Hole, Elaine Dobie and Kay Edwards 12-15. Match score: Cowbridge 32, Sully Sports 35.

This was a rare home loss for the ladies but this was followed up with two wins away from home.

On Tuesday, away to Bridgend Municipal in a Cowbridge Shield Match, Cowbridge won overall by just one shot.

Phyllis Price (in fine form) with support from Mary Dowdle (playing well), Diane Lloyd (playing her first game on the season) and Lynda Wilson had a excellent rink win, 26 - 13.

Other rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Dianne Radley, Kay Edwards and Jan Lewis 13-26.

The deciding factor was on the other rink with a win for the one shot difference - Sian Lewis, Carol Davies, Joy Woolford and Corrie Bufton 13-12. Match score: Cowbridge 52, Bridgend Municipal 51.

Motivated by this win, the ladies, playing again away on Thursday, this time at Llantwit Major in the afternoon league, went one better by beating Llantwit overall by two shots.

Joy Woolford, with support from Janet Morton, Corrie Bufton and Kay Edwards, provide the basis of the overall win with a 24-14 rink win.

Other rink scores : Dorothy Pritchard, Maggie Penn, Phyllis Price and Joan Bradley 18-22; Diane Purnell, Sian Lewis, Elaine Dobie and Lynda Wilson 11-15. Match score: Cowbridge 53, Llantwit Major 51.

A very good week for the ladies !

Not so successful on Wednesday were the men, playing at home to a strong Barry Athletic team in the Munro Cup.

Although two Cowbridge rinks managed to win, namely Mansel Davey, John Jones, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 18-15 and Gerry Lloyd, Gerwyn Watkins, Ron Dobie and Steve Close 18-13, the other 2 rinks lost. Match score: Cowbridge 49, Barry Athletic 74.

Cadoxton were the visitors for the Saturday league game and settled well at the early stage on some of the rinks.

After a being down, Norman Wilkinson's rink, with Terry Dunsworth, Colin Wilkinson and Norman came from behind to win 25-13.

Roger Barwick's rink were eight shots adrift at one point but Gerry Lloyd, Alan Jordan , Ron Dobie and Roger fought back to a 18-18 draw.

Steve Close, supported by Tony Lewis, Gerwyn Watkins and Clive Pritchard had a comfortable 26-15 win.

Leading the way for Bob Penn's rink were veterans Mansel Davey and John Jones both in fine form. They were backed up by Andrew Morgan and captain Bob winning 31-8. Match score: Cowbridge 100, Cadoxton 54.

MB

Vale firsts land season double

VALE Cricket Club first XI travelled to Machen with a view of completing a season double. At home Vale were convincing winners and the story of the game was to be repeated with a few tweaks.

Machen won the toss and elected to bat on a dry and dusty looking track. The home side, who evidently know how to bat on their pitch, took the game to Vale early on as their openers attacked Vale's bowlers and shot to a score of 80-1 from the first 12 overs.

Captain JP Davies was then forced to change his reliable opening partnership of D Upham (2-54) and Rowland (1-29).

The young partnership of A Upham (2-49) and Merry (1-20) helped to reduce the rate but Machen continued to score at a decent pace which resulted in their scoreboard looking rather healthy.

The introduction of JP Davies (4-35) changed the innings. The captain bowled at the stumps and leaked the occasional boundary with the odd ball that drifted short or off line.

Davies removed G Jones (75) with a sharply-taken catch off the inside edge by wicket keeper Harry Withers. Davies also removed the other danger man and rival captain M Fussell (50) who was caught at mid on by James Snelson, (it always helps having a tall guy with big hands in the team!).

Vale took their chances when they came with simpler chances being taken by Rowland off his own bowling, D Upham, who helped his son take his first wicket, and JP Davies again getting involved in the action with a catch at mid-off.

Machen finished their innings 207-10, meaning both sides claimed maximum bonus points at this stage of the game.

Machen exploited their short boundary well early on in their innings but their lack of stability meant a lot of pressure was put on their main players Jones and Fussell - had they not scored Vale may have made it home a lot earlier!

Vale then went about chasing their target of 208 to win. Openers Snelson and A Upham got their team off to a fantastic start and took the game away from Machen.

Both players played each ball on merit and neither appeared to be troubled. Snelson went about his innings in a controlled manner but the intent was obvious. Snelson hit the ball to the boundary with aggressive strokes that saw the ball fly over the white line.

His young partner Upham also scored at regular intervals and struck balls to the boundary with relative ease.

Just as the openers looked as though they were going to bring Vale home without any assistance Snelson was caught and bowled for a well-struck 84. This bought the opening partnership to an end, a whopping 173-run stand between the two batsman is Vale first XI's best record this season by far!

McCay joined Upham at the crease and finished with nine not out. Upham on the other hand was watched by his father (who did a long stint as umpire and perhaps didn't want to jinx his son) and his grandfather as he scored his first men's half century.

Upham left us all wondering if he could have achieved three figures if Vale were chasing more but his excellent 71 not out will live long in the memory of those who have seen the 17-year-old improve year on year!

All in all, a fantastic day at the office for the firsts who travelled back to their club to enjoy the company of the successful second team with a few beers in the sun - glorious!

HW

T20 title in the balance for Cowbridge team

HAVING won all previous league matches, Cowbridge Cricket Club's T20 team travelled to Penarth with confidence, knowing that a win against Penarth would guarantee the league title.

This summer weather has provided little interruption to the cricketing programme but the Athletic Field at Penarth provided an outfield that was cracked and bone dry.

The wicket was very firm and devoid of any grass and both sides need congratulating on providing an entertaining game.

Cowbridge batted first and got off to a solid start though a little slow on the run rate. Tom Williams (49) and Rian Thomas (38) provided the backbone to the innings. In a chase for quick runs Cowbridge lost seven wickets in scoring 123 runs.

An early wicket for Sami Khan lifted the visitors hopes of a victory that has eluded them at this ground for years, but Richard Skone with 69 not out and J Hitching (27) guided Penarth to victory in the 19th over for the loss of four wickets.

Richard, a very accomplished cricketer, has been the cause of Cowbridge's losses over the years and yet again he had a faultless innings.

Cowbridge hope to play the rearranged Cardiff game in a fortnight's time to finish the season.

The ninth Sunday under-9s festival was held at Barry Island against Cardiff Gymkana, Barry and Miskin.

Cowbridge defeated Miskin by 18 runs and also Barry by 14 runs. They came unstuck against some big-hitting of the Gymkana boys and lost by 28 runs.

This Sunday the squad finishes the season with a festival at Cardiff Cricket Club.

This will be the 10th festival with no interruption by the Welsh weather - this must be a record!

HW

Countdown to rugby season for Cowbridge

WITH the start of the season just five weeks away, Cowbridge RFC have returned to training on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm at the Athletic Field.

As always the club is looking for new players so if you want to start getting fitter then please come down, you will be very welcome.

There is plenty on before we start the league in 3 East Central A following promotion last season.

This Saturday the boys will be playing in the Tondu Evs 7s at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen School in Ynysawdre.

Last season we won the Invitation 7s in scintillating style and it really is a great day out.

The club has pre-season games on August 11 and 18 against Chipping Sodbury and then Pyle so a good chance to have a run out. Both games are at home and will probably be played on the Police Field.

Then the season kicks off on September 1 with an away fixture to Gwernyfed near Brecon (there will probably be a bus going, details nearer the date) and then our first home fixture, after a number of years, against Pontyclun on September 8, so plenty to look forward to.

Finally, special birthday wishes to club member Sian Vaughan for this Saturday.

RK/RV

SECONDS STAY TOP

ON another hot summer's day at Corntown, table-topping Vale seconds welcomed Machen in a top versus bottom clash in the second XI Division Three.

Machen skipper Gareth Davies won the toss and had no hesitation in batting on a belter of a track, a decision that disappointed Vale skipper Matthew Thomas, as it was a 'bat first' day.

Vale welcomed first cap all-rounder Iestyn Owen to the team, another product for the thriving under-15s age group team.

Vale started well with the new ball, restricting the Machen opening pair, but an early wicket was hard to come by.

The score reached 40 and first change bowler Chris Haskins picked up the first wicket of John Storey, caughtby skipper Vale skipper Thomas.

Top wicket taker Tom Lazarus bowled steadily, with eight overs for 16 runs but was wicketless. Brother Matt Lazarus bowled five overs, taking a caught and bowled opportunity.

The mainstay of the Machen innings was opening captain Garth Davies, scoring a patient 63; however Greg Andrews smashed Davies' stumps with a pitched up delivery.

Andrews also took another wicket in his second spell of bowling with a fine catch over the shoulder at cover from debutant Iestyn Owen. Andrews finishing with 2 for 17.

Vale were once again plagued by sloppy fielding, dropping five catches, missing out on two runouts and bowling 21 wides.

Machen finished on a score of 142 for 5 after 40 overs and Vale went into the tea break optimistic of chasing down the first innings score.

Vale began the chase with newly-promoted to the top of the order wicketkeeper batsman Ashley Taylor, a nuggety player who is able to hit the bad ball, find gaps and give the fielding side the run around. Unfortunately for Taylor it wasn't his day, as after a well-struck sweep through square leg for 4, two deliveries later Storey picked up Taylor's wicket in the first over with a feint edge to wicketkeeper Michael Griffiths.

That was to be Machen's only success as hard-hitting Paul Sheppard showed early intent, carving his first delivery through cover.

The excellent Robin Jones pegged back the scoring rate, bowling eight overs for 18 runs, however he was wicketless.

Vale reached the target of 142 with 12.3 overs to spare for the loss on one wicket, Sheppard scoring 74 and skipper Thomas playing second fiddle and finishing on 59 not out in a match-wining partnership of 140 runs.

Vale seconds travel to Pontymister and Cross Keys this week looking to extend their lead at the top of the table.

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